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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area— Square Miles.	Population (Excluding full-blood Aborigines).						
		Census—30th June, 1954.(a)			Estimate—30th June, 1955.			Capital Cities, 30th June, 1954.(a)(b)
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W. . .	309,433	1,720,860	1,702,669	3,423,529	1,753,041	1,737,290	3,490,331	1,863,106
Victoria..	87,884	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	1,269,866	1,253,152	2,523,018	1,524,112
Q'land . .	670,500	676,252	642,007	1,318,259	690,172	654,400	1,344,572	502,317
S. Aust. . .	380,070	403,903	393,191	797,094	415,585	403,964	819,549	483,508
W. Aust. .	975,920	330,358	309,413	639,771	339,171	319,367	658,538	348,647
Tasmania	26,215	157,129	151,623	308,752	161,145	153,534	314,679	95,206
N. Terr. . .	523,620	10,288	6,181	16,469	10,895	6,685	17,580	8,071
A.C.T. . .	939	16,229	14,086	30,315	17,176	15,248	32,424	28,277
Australia	2,974,581	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	4,657,051	4,543,640	9,200,691	4,853,244

(a) Final Count. (b) The statistical boundaries of certain capital cities were extended as from 1st January, 1954. The estimated population shown in this table relates to these extended areas. The population of the areas so added at the Census of 30th June, 1954, was—Sydney, 290,402; Melbourne, 120,628; Hobart, 3,633; and Darwin, 3,541.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AT 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,748,393	1,878,480	1,018,007	596,563	470,044	237,419	6,281	12,567	6,967,754
1952a	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360	8,636,458
1953a	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645	8,815,362
1954b	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	32,424	9,200,691
AT 31ST DECEMBER.									
1938	2,737,191	1,871,099	1,005,523	595,842	466,684	242,119	5,730	11,721	6,935,909
1951a	3,314,672	2,299,538	1,238,278	743,785	590,339	301,787	14,614	24,894	8,527,907
1952a	3,367,986	2,366,719	1,271,256	768,570	612,935	309,558	14,771	27,774	8,739,569
1953a	3,409,009	2,416,035	1,298,420	785,665	631,743	316,465	15,635	29,714	8,902,686
1954c	3,462,313	2,480,877	1,322,752	808,243	649,415	319,511	16,140	31,144	9,090,395

(a) Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the Census of 30th June, 1954. (b) Final Census results. (c) Revised.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,735,400	1,872,287	1,008,207	595,131	466,896	237,637	5,932	11,965	6,933,455
1952a	3,311,840	2,309,708	1,239,868	743,310	589,887	293,340	15,131	25,545	8,528,629
1953a	3,366,358	2,372,366	1,272,244	766,538	611,191	302,529	15,241	27,721	8,734,188
1954a	3,405,414	2,422,339	1,300,464	785,981	630,705	309,416	15,930	29,595	8,900,344
1955	3,459,538	2,488,115	1,325,336	807,501	648,930	312,987	16,536	31,249	9,090,192
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.									
1938	2,722,378	1,865,251	1,001,996	593,242	463,808	236,328	5,804	11,534	6,900,341
1951a	3,279,415	2,276,272	1,223,719	732,537	580,317	288,294	15,179	24,658	8,420,391
1952a	3,341,476	2,343,610	1,255,896	755,042	600,615	298,361	15,087	26,570	8,636,657
1953a	3,386,556	2,395,851	1,287,231	776,355	621,034	306,318	15,534	28,724	8,817,603
1954a	3,428,488	2,453,458	1,313,055	796,361	640,140	311,128	16,214	30,383	8,989,227

(a) Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

1950 3,193,202 2,209,013 1,191,081 709,475 557,872 278,785 14,309 23,545 8,177,294

INCREASE OF POPULATION.

State or Territory.	1950.	1952.	1953.	1954.	Year ended 30th June.	
					1954.	1955.
NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS).						
New South Wales	40,627	42,158	43,183	40,681	42,059	40,755
Victoria	27,489	30,416	30,911	32,106	30,856	33,090
Queensland	18,629	19,782	19,776	19,832	19,672	20,469
South Australia	10,566	10,834	11,194	11,048	10,839	11,043
Western Australia	9,170	10,204	10,790	10,564	10,445	10,948
Tasmania	4,776	5,337	5,185	5,074	5,072	5,310
Northern Territory	315	359	344	407	413	357
Australian Capital Territory	832	963	664	739	685	716
Australia	112,404	120,053	122,047	120,451	120,041	122,688

NET MIGRATION (EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES).

New South Wales	58,399	18,043	4,578	15,977	4,440	26,047
Victoria	39,255	35,053	16,346	31,764	24,247	37,587
Queensland.. ..	14,581	11,310	5,480	3,544	5,258	5,844
South Australia	13,571	10,865	2,791	9,968	7,359	11,412
Western Australia	19,686	12,677	8,258	7,228	9,031	7,819
Tasmania	5,376	3,604	2,888	1,448	763	617
Northern Territory	967	2	718	201	404	754
Australian Capital Territory	670	2,482	1,838	973	1,548	1,393
Australia	152,505	94,032	42,897	68,207	53,050	91,473

TOTAL INCREASE.(a)

New South Wales	91,251	53,314	41,023	53,304	39,737	66,802
Victoria	68,298	67,181	49,316	64,842	57,087	70,677
Queensland.. ..	35,099	32,978	27,164	24,332	26,849	26,313
South Australia	27,225	24,785	17,095	22,578	21,313	22,455
Western Australia	28,465	22,596	18,808	17,672	19,224	18,767
Tasmania	8,990	7,771	6,907	3,046	4,672	5,927
Northern Territory	1,081	157	864	505	616	1,111
Australian Capital Territory	1,502	2,880	1,940	1,430	1,670	2,109
Australia	261,911	211,662	163,117	187,709	171,168	214,161

(a) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for differences disclosed by final results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS—SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase. (a)	Net Migration. (b)	Total Increase. (c)	Population at end of Period.
Year—							
1938	62,411	120,415	66,451	53,964	9,137	64,417	6,935,909
1943	67,673	149,295	74,486	74,809	1,271	68,562	7,269,658
1944	68,201	153,344	69,596	83,748	— 2,183	77,366	7,347,024
1945	62,822	160,560	70,231	90,329	— 2,629	83,173	7,430,197
1946	79,496	176,379	74,661	101,718	— 15,148	87,784	7,517,981
1947	76,457	182,384	73,463	108,916	10,611	119,982	7,637,963
1948	74,902	177,976	76,839	101,137	55,115	154,502	7,792,465
1949	72,999	181,261	75,260	106,001	150,001	253,105	7,845,570
1950	75,599	190,591	78,187	112,404	152,505	261,911	7,907,481
1951	77,298	193,298	81,788	111,510	111,433	220,426	7,927,907
1952	74,172	201,650	81,597	120,053	94,032	211,662	7,939,569
1953	70,640	202,235	80,188	122,047	42,897	163,117	7,962,686
1954	71,229	202,256	81,805	120,451	68,207	187,709	7,990,395
Quarter ended—							
30th June, 1954	18,600	50,613	20,677	29,936	10,340	39,824	8,986,530
30th September, 1954	15,097	50,772	24,670	26,102	16,809	42,911	8,929,441
31st December, 1954	19,664	51,162	19,091	32,071	28,883	60,954	8,990,395
31st March, 1955	17,705	51,318	17,630	33,688	25,101	58,739	8,949,134
30th June, 1955	18,924	51,600	20,723	30,877	20,680	51,557	8,990,395

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period January, 1943, to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period January, 1943, to June, 1947.

(c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and differences disclosed by the Censuses of 30th June, 1947 and 1954. (d) Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the 1954 Census. (e) Revised.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

State or Territory.	Marriages.	Births.			Deaths.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1955.							
New South Wales	7,293	9,404	9,107	18,511	4,888	3,586	8,474
Victoria.. ..	5,046	7,122	6,678	13,800	3,068	2,649	5,717
Queensland ..	2,861	4,355	3,965	8,320	1,669	1,051	2,720
South Australia ..	1,605	2,365	2,202	4,567	1,058	794	1,852
Western Australia	1,283	2,090	2,032	4,122	751	524	1,275
Tasmania ..	723	1,026	922	1,948	337	281	618
Northern Territory	36	73	68	141	27	7	34
Australian Capital Territory ..	77	96	95	191	21	12	33
Australia ..	18,924	26,531	25,069	51,600	11,819	8,904	20,723

SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1955.

New South Wales	14,193	18,943	18,207	37,150	8,836	6,532	15,368
Victoria.. ..	9,863	14,272	13,462	27,734	5,621	4,886	10,507
Queensland ..	5,183	8,517	7,894	16,411	3,160	2,116	5,276
South Australia ..	3,124	4,554	4,321	8,875	1,907	1,491	3,398
Western Australia	2,712	4,152	4,058	8,210	1,476	1,060	2,536
Tasmania ..	1,349	1,998	1,871	3,869	648	537	1,185
Northern Territory	66	128	133	261	58	12	70
Australian Capital Territory ..	139	202	206	408	42	21	63
Australia ..	36,629	52,766	50,152	102,918	21,748	16,655	38,403

State or Territory.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	Six months ended 30th June.	
					1954.	1955.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	24,579	29,351	27,573	27,503	14,071	14,193
Victoria	17,113	20,220	19,238	19,404	9,813	9,863
Queensland.. ..	8,853	10,056	9,859	10,027	5,034	5,183
South Australia ..	5,489	6,241	6,149	6,190	3,318	3,124
Western Australia ..	4,153	5,389	5,032	5,204	2,758	2,712
Tasmania	2,082	2,553	2,424	2,512	1,276	1,349
Northern Territory ..	67	137	154	143	62	66
Australian Capital Territory.. ..	75	225	211	246	136	139
Australia ..	62,411	74,172	70,640	71,229	36,468	36,629

DIVORCES (INCLUDING NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE).—Australia—1938, 3,100; 1950, 7,414; 1951, 7,320; 1952, 7,095; 1953, 8,031; 1954, New South Wales 2,844; Victoria, 1,539; Queensland, 714; South Australia, 598; Western Australia, 532; Tasmania, 237; Northern Territory, 20; Australian Capital Territory, 33; Australia, 6,517.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	Six months ended 30th June.	
					1954.	1955.

MARRIAGE RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.(a)

					(b)	(b)
New South Wales ..	9.03	8.78	8.14	8.02	8.24	8.16
Victoria ..	9.17	8.63	8.03	7.91	8.05	7.87
Queensland ..	8.84	8.01	7.66	7.64	7.70	7.78
South Australia ..	9.25	8.27	7.92	7.77	8.38	7.68
Western Australia ..	8.95	8.97	8.10	8.13	8.68	8.30
Tasmania ..	8.81	8.56	7.91	8.07	8.18	8.53
Northern Territory ..	11.54	9.03	9.91	8.82	7.75	7.89
Australian Capital Territory ..	6.50	8.47	7.35	8.10	9.08	8.76
Australia ..	9.04	8.59	8.01	7.92	8.15	8.01

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	47,319	74,196	74,890	73,125	36,730	37,150
Victoria ..	30,344	53,738	53,561	54,660	26,897	27,734
Queensland ..	18,992	30,953	30,782	31,176	15,817	16,411
South Australia ..	9,410	17,884	18,156	18,227	8,712	8,875
Western Australia ..	9,141	15,413	15,862	15,928	7,742	8,210
Tasmania ..	4,907	7,916	7,736	7,770	3,718	3,869
Northern Territory ..	102	448	460	513	275	261
Australian Capital Territory ..	200	1,102	788	857	431	408
Australia ..	120,415	201,650	202,235	202,256	100,322	102,918

BIRTH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.(a)

					(b)	(b)
New South Wales ..	17.38	22.20	22.11	21.33	21.50	21.37
Victoria ..	16.27	22.93	22.36	22.28	22.08	22.14
Queensland ..	18.95	24.65	23.91	23.74	24.21	24.65
South Australia ..	15.86	23.69	23.39	22.89	22.01	21.81
Western Australia ..	19.71	25.66	25.54	24.88	24.36	25.12
Tasmania ..	20.76	26.53	25.25	24.97	23.82	24.47
Northern Territory ..	17.57	29.69	29.61	31.64	34.39	31.22
Australian Capital Territory ..	(c) 17.34	(c) 41.48	27.43	28.21	28.76	25.72
Australia ..	17.45	23.35	22.94	22.50	22.43	22.50

DEATHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	26,105	32,038	31,707	32,444	15,022	15,368
Victoria ..	18,955	23,322	22,650	22,554	10,654	10,507
Queensland ..	9,201	11,171	11,006	11,344	5,319	5,276
South Australia ..	5,539	7,050	6,962	7,179	3,230	3,398
Western Australia ..	4,234	5,209	5,072	5,364	2,452	2,536
Tasmania ..	2,288	2,579	2,551	2,696	1,270	1,185
Northern Territory ..	69	89	116	106	34	70
Australian Capital Territory ..	60	139	124	118	63	63
Australia ..	66,451	81,597	80,188	81,805	38,044	38,403

(a) Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the 1954 Census. (b) Equivalent annual rates. (c) As in the States and the Northern Territory, the rates shown are based on birth registrations. Prior to the provision late in 1952 of maternity accommodation in Queanbeyan, births registered in Canberra for the years 1938 and 1952 included many mothers from Queanbeyan and surrounding areas. Rates based on the number of births to mothers resident in the Australian Capital Territory for these years are as follows:—1938, 15.43; 1952, 31.91.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	Six months ended 30th June.	
					1954.	1955.

DEATH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.(a)

					(b)	(b)
New South Wales	9.50	9.59	9.36	9.46	8.79	8.84
Victoria	10.16	9.95	9.45	9.19	8.74	8.39
Queensland	9.18	8.89	8.55	8.64	8.14	7.92
South Australia	9.34	9.34	8.97	9.01	8.16	8.35
Western Australia	9.13	8.67	8.17	8.38	7.71	7.76
Tasmania	9.68	8.64	8.33	8.67	8.14	7.49
Northern Territory	11.89	5.90	7.47	6.54	4.25	8.37
Australian Capital Territory ..	5.20	5.23	4.32	3.88	4.20	3.97
Australia	9.63	9.45	9.09	9.10	8.51	8.40

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales	1,980	1,818	1,846	1,850	930	918
Victoria	1,038	1,198	1,133	1,055	529	498
Queensland	784	772	769	695	354	352
South Australia	287	413	375	388	196	207
Western Australia	309	384	378	359	153	193
Tasmania	195	172	177	186	86	87
Northern Territory	6	14	18	9	4	19
Australian Capital Territory ..	8	26	17	4	..	6
Australia	4,607	4,797	4,713	4,546	2,252	2,280

INFANT MORTALITY—RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.

New South Wales	41.84	24.50	24.65	25.30	25.32	24.71
Victoria	34.21	22.29	21.15	19.30	19.67	17.96
Queensland	41.28	24.94	24.98	22.29	22.38	21.45
South Australia	30.50	23.09	20.65	21.29	22.50	23.32
Western Australia	33.80	24.91	23.83	22.54	19.76	23.51
Tasmania	39.74	21.73	22.88	23.94	23.13	22.49
Northern Territory	58.82	31.25	39.13	17.54	14.55	72.80
Australian Capital Territory ..	40.00	23.59	21.57	4.67	..	14.71
Australia	38.26	23.79	23.30	22.48	22.45	22.15

(a) Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the 1954 Census. (b) Equivalent annual rates.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933, are as recorded.

Period.	Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25..	289,695	188,357	478,052	172,236	122,550	294,786	183,266
1926-30..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931-35..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	-10,886
1936-40(a)	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45(a)	35,422	28,593	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1946-50(a)	398,507	303,413	701,920	180,779	168,057	348,836	353,084
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1950 ..	141,891	108,513	250,404	49,907	47,992	97,899	152,505
1951 ..	122,136	91,504	213,640	54,521	47,686	102,207	111,433
1952 ..	127,516	88,323	215,839	68,937	52,870	121,807	94,032
1953 ..	88,584	74,541	163,125	68,483	51,745	120,228	42,897
1954 ..	109,601	88,424	198,025	72,073	57,745	129,818	68,207
Six months ended June—							
1954 ..	52,734	41,760	94,494	39,464	32,515	71,979	22,515
1955 ..	68,639	52,619	121,258	40,613	34,864	75,477	45,781

(a) Excludes troop movements September, 1939, to June, 1947.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently
Classified according to Nationality.

Nationality.	Permanent New Arrivals.(a)			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.(a)		
	Quarter ended June, 1955.	Six months ended June—		Quarter ended June, 1955.	Six months ended June—	
		1954.	1955.		1954.	1955.
British(b)	16,665	21,576	34,022	7,040	15,941	14,978
Foreign—						
American (U.S.) ..	300	666	629	222	354	428
Austrian	1,145	526	2,106	19	24	36
Belgian	11	28	36	6	7	8
Chinese	59	241	199	46	92	70
Czechoslovak	11	39	25	18	37	50
Danish	17	49	34	19	20	25
Dutch	3,257	5,341	5,580	329	526	501
Estonian .. ..	..	..	4	5	37	15
French	87	141	176	74	129	178
German	1,896	6,029	5,392	217	263	326
Greek	3,099	3,549	6,466	52	94	69
Hungarian	89	20	125	10	42	21
Israeli	142	251	247	3	7	9
Italian	6,805	8,825	12,564	500	866	883
Japanese	136	106	171	6	7	13
Latvian	12	25	20	8	41	16
Lebanese	111	161	192	12	13	17
Lithuanian	4	5	6	19	45	26
Norwegian	33	13	39	66	78	104
Polish(c)	59	51	99	34	72	70
Russian(d)	5	142	50	10	63	26
Swedish	10	19	21	12	17	24
Swiss	58	63	102	23	52	54
Ukrainian	4	8	20	11	34	21
Yugoslav	197	362	412	17	54	30
Stateless	343	1,474	928	26	130	67
Other	235	261	472	63	91	145
Total	34,790	49,971	70,137	8,867	19,136	18,210

(a) "Permanent" means residence for one year or longer (in Australia in the case of arrivals; abroad in the case of departures) except in the case of Australian troops, who are classified as "temporary" irrespective of their length of stay. (b) "Irish" nationality has been combined with "British" for the purpose of this table. (c) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Polish. (d) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Russian.

Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently
Classified according to Racial Origin.

Racial Origin.	Permanent New Arrivals.(a)			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.(a)		
	Quarter ended June, 1955.	Six months ended June—		Quarter ended June, 1955.	Six months ended June—	
		1954.	1955.		1954.	1955.
European	34,260	48,711	68,746	8,682	18,794	17,829
Asian	504	1,169	1,314	179	328	369
African	5	31	16	..	6	1
Polynesian	21	60	61	6	8	11
Total	34,790	49,971	70,137	8,867	19,136	18,210

(a) See note (a) above.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Permanent Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(a)	Permanent New Arrivals.			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.		
	Quarter ended June, 1955.	Six months ended June—		Quarter ended June, 1955.	Six months ended June—	
		1954.	1955.		1954.	1955.
British—						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	12,048	14,250	21,738	3,639	8,733	7,709
Canada	213	344	462	241	759	634
Cyprus	190	230	427	28	55	31
India, Ceylon and Pakistan ..	190	391	380	110	271	284
Malta	2,057	2,429	6,534	96	85	152
New Guinea	116	366	363	490	1,156	1,033
New Zealand	734	1,389	1,549	882	2,018	2,064
Papua	101	188	219	335	600	634
Union of South Africa ..	149	134	252	66	103	130
Other	549	1,351	1,459	476	928	969
Total, British Countries	16,347	21,072	33,383	6,363	14,708	13,640
Foreign—						
Austria	1,223	614	2,274	14	16	26
France	110	140	188	87	226	200
Germany	1,922	6,085	5,446	180	248	278
Greece	3,003	3,391	6,233	77	119	107
Italy	6,907	8,409	12,928	937	1,577	1,675
Netherlands	3,226	5,246	5,480	248	420	375
Poland	26	10	30	1	..	6
Yugoslavia	188	285	374	21	29	28
Other European	421	2,128	861	160	267	275
China	23	184	96	13	52	15
Indonesia	66	148	185	45	83	96
Egypt	272	511	634	19	37	31
United States of America ..	441	864	873	491	968	1,004
Polynesian Islands	20	84	53	52	126	153
Other	595	800	1,099	159	260	301
Total, Foreign Countries	18,443	28,899	36,754	2,504	4,428	4,570
GRAND TOTAL ..	34,790	49,971	70,137	8,867	19,136	18,210

(a) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" (see following table) as regards both country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Temporary Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(a)	Australian Residents Returning and Temporary Visitors Arriving.			Australian Residents Departing Temporarily and Temporary Visitors Departing.		
	Quarter ended June, 1955.	Six months ended June—		Quarter ended June, 1955.	Six months ended June—	
		1954.	1955.		1954.	1955.
Australia.. ..	10,525	19,654	23,998	15,414	27,551	30,000
Other British—						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	1,972	4,005	4,752	1,993	4,796	4,905
Canada	122	246	358	144	336	394
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	327	638	618	182	623	539
New Guinea	551	1,350	1,342	741	1,288	1,474
New Zealand	5,220	9,465	9,980	5,330	9,602	10,612
Papua	534	1,163	1,247	573	1,167	1,054
Union of South Africa ..	127	250	273	121	224	273
Other	1,049	2,800	2,851	1,273	2,570	2,662
Total, Other British Countries	9,902	19,917	21,421	10,357	20,606	21,913
Foreign—						
France.. ..	148	159	235	148	208	257
Germany	112	114	200	88	100	159
Greece	19	32	31	18	21	27
Italy	55	80	123	84	139	140
Netherlands	163	171	309	178	259	319
Yugoslavia	1	15	16	7	7	11
Other European	166	302	370	162	312	329
China	22	28	47	9	39	23
Indonesia	141	222	300	99	238	217
Egypt	25	28	42	17	31	32
United States of America..	910	1,901	2,181	1,099	1,967	2,523
Polynesian Islands	312	712	718	297	656	563
Other	579	1,188	1,130	346	709	754
Total, Foreign Countries	2,653	4,952	5,702	2,552	4,686	5,354
GRAND TOTAL ..	23,080	44,523	51,121	28,323	52,843	57,267

(a) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" as regards both country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

Section II.—Production.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AREA.								
('000 Acres.)								
1938-39..	4,651	2,748	442	3,080	3,413	10	2	14,346
1950-51..	3,329	2,735	559	1,848	3,185	5	2	11,663
1951-52..	2,753	2,464	454	1,613	3,095	4	1	10,384
1952-53..	2,702	2,232	724	1,544	2,909	7	1	10,209
1953-54..	3,357	2,389	580	1,528	2,885	10	2	10,751
1954-55(a)	2,919	2,390	688	1,689	2,979	7	1	10,673
PRODUCTION.								
('000 Bushels.)								
1938-39..	59,898	18,104	8,584	31,675	36,844	205	59	155,369
1950-51..	43,273	51,236	8,785	30,936	49,900	95	19	184,244
1951-52..	39,689	45,995	6,632	27,301	40,000	94	14	159,725
1952-53..	56,670	50,335	18,662	33,919	35,458	156	8	195,208
1953-54..	63,681	53,698	10,180	30,409	39,700	263	29	197,960
1954-55(a)	37,718	48,484	16,478	31,463	34,300	158	5	168,606
AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.								
(Bushels.)								
1938-39..	12.9	6.6	19.4	10.3	10.8	20.8	28.7	10.8
1950-51..	13.0	18.7	15.7	16.7	15.7	17.8	10.1	15.8
1951-52..	14.4	18.7	14.6	16.9	12.9	26.1	14.0	15.4
1952-53..	21.0	22.6	25.8	22.0	11.8	23.4	12.7	19.1
1953-54..	19.0	22.5	17.6	19.9	13.8	27.2	18.5	18.4
1954-55(a)	12.9	20.3	24.0	18.6	11.5	21.7	6.5	15.8

TOTAL AREA OF WHEAT GROWN FOR ALL PURPOSES.

('000 Acres.)								
Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39 ..	5,223	3,033	499	3,344	3,613	14	2	15,728
1950-51 ..	3,442	2,771	616	1,950	3,255	9	2	12,045
1951-52 ..	2,930	2,499	551	1,688	3,163	7	1	10,839
1952-53 ..	2,836	2,265	779	1,601	3,076	13	1	10,571
1953-54 ..	3,548	2,429	658	1,604	2,938	15	2	11,194
1954-55(a) ..	3,150	2,441	740	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

OTHER PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Potatoes.	Hay.	Sugar-cane.		Total Area of Crops.
	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.			Cut for crushing.	Cane Sugar. (94 N.T.)	

AREA.

('000 Acres.)

1938-39 ..	1,784	745	324	98	3,250	262	..	23,493
1950-51 ..	1,757	1,079	169	127	1,377	272	..	19,917
1951-52 ..	2,365	1,118	170	118	1,549	282	..	19,802
1952-53 ..	2,764	1,377	174	135	1,761	280	..	20,371
1953-54 ..	2,137	1,803	179	128	1,935	340	..	21,138
1954-55 (a) ..	2,574	1,691	171	109	1,984	374	..	21,700

PRODUCTION.

	'000 Bush.	'000 Bush.	'000 Bush.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	
1938-39 ..	15,555	10,831	7,057	274	3,321	5,679	820	..
1950-51 ..	25,128	22,871	4,729	412	2,063	7,052	921	..
1951-52 ..	34,506	21,909	4,018	509	2,345	5,327	745	..
1952-53 ..	43,623	35,045	4,967	431	2,765	6,967	949	..
1953-54 ..	32,961	41,272	5,079	548	3,049	9,014	1,254	..
1954-55 (a) ..	32,831	29,400	5,147	(b)	2,856	10,087	1,326	..

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Not yet available.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK. ('000.)

March.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
HORSES.									
1939 ..	531	344	(a) 445	(a) 196	(a) 144	(a) 30	33	1	1,724
1951 ..	329	187	307	71	55	20	29	1	999
1952 ..	311	169	289	63	53	19	32	1	937
1953 ..	298	154	282	57	50	18	35	1	895
1954 ..	280	141	273	52	49	17	37	1	850
1955 (b) ..	258	132	267	49	47	16	33	1	803

CATTLE—BEEF.

1951 ..	2,457	727	5,294	189	618	115	1,019	8	10,427
1952 ..	2,416	776	5,138	201	621	110	1,058	7	10,327
1953 ..	2,405	820	5,378	231	612	113	936	6	10,501
1954 ..	2,316	829	5,703	230	600	121	966	6	10,771
1955 (b) ..	2,242	843	5,861	255	633	129	969	5	10,937

CATTLE—DAIRY.

1951 ..	1,246	1,489	1,440	244	223	157	..	3	4,802
1952 ..	1,205	1,439	1,297	236	231	155	..	3	4,566
1953 ..	1,244	1,477	1,373	252	234	162	..	4	4,746
1954 ..	1,238	1,541	1,383	261	230	174	..	3	4,830
1955 (b) ..	1,219	1,600	1,377	269	228	190	..	3	4,886

CATTLE—TOTAL.

1939 ..	2,812	1,697	(a) 6,097	(a) 319	(a) 768	(a) 262	900	7	12,862
1951 ..	3,703	2,216	6,734	433	841	272	1,019	11	15,229
1952 ..	3,621	2,215	6,435	437	852	265	1,058	10	14,893
1953 ..	3,649	2,297	6,751	483	846	275	936	10	15,247
1954 ..	3,554	2,370	7,086	491	830	295	966	9	15,601
1955 (b) ..	3,461	2,443	7,238	524	861	319	969	8	15,823

SHEEP.

1939 ..	48,877	17,007	a 23,159	a 9,937	a 9,177	a 2,626	30	245	111,058
1951 ..	54,111	20,012	17,478	10,166	11,362	2,181	29	257	115,596
1952 ..	53,676	21,537	16,164	11,470	12,188	2,338	31	243	117,647
1953 ..	57,461	21,368	17,030	12,036	12,475	2,421	34	247	123,072
1954 ..	59,639	21,438	18,194	11,838	13,087	2,465	31	252	126,944
1955 (b) ..	59,200	22,330	20,222	12,817	13,411	2,595	29	245	130,849

PIGS.

1939 ..	377	253	(a) 325	(a) 71	(a) 83	(a) 45	1	1	1,156
1951 ..	317	237	375	68	90	45	1	1	1,134
1952 ..	293	214	316	65	86	47	1	..	1,022
1953 ..	299	183	336	59	76	39	1	..	993
1954 ..	372	232	384	61	101	46	1	..	1,197
1955 (b) ..	375	264	407	85	107	58	1	..	1,297

(a) December, previous year.

(b) Subject to revision.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE). ('000 lb.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39 ..	437,141	165,829	179,459	102,883	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1950-51 ..	492,130	218,266	154,667	125,384	107,341	17,250	235	2,266	1,117,539
1951-52 ..	437,837	224,958	138,767	135,484	120,401	20,513	252	1,765	1,079,977
1952-53 ..	556,552	252,195	163,149	158,658	128,148	19,807	332	2,245	1,281,086
1953-54 ..	544,934	223,481	174,414	145,509	134,442	20,116	290	2,276	1,245,462
1954-55(c) ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	155,761	(d)	23,797	313	2,232	a 1,288,000

(a) Estimated. (b) For year ended 31st December, 1938.

(c) Subject to revision.

(d) Not yet available.

PRODUCTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia. (a)
WHOLE MILK FOR ALL PURPOSES. (⁰ 000 gal.)								
1938-39 ..	311,384	377,881	347,336	72,591	45,562	34,829	350	1,189,863
1950-51 ..	298,159	445,671	278,111	83,545	52,407	39,228	687	1,197,808
1951-52 ..	241,209	446,818	181,148	86,482	48,937	42,189	593	1,047,376
1952-53 ..	317,385	436,417	285,533	84,249	49,830	41,139	688	1,215,241
1953-54 ..	282,187	474,358	249,712	85,014	49,996	47,642	743	1,189,652
1954-55 (b) ..	313,015	533,240	271,625	91,538	54,720	52,784	754	1,317,676

BUTTER (Factory and Farm).

(Tons.)

1938-39 ..	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1950-51 ..	36,130	59,046	47,911	7,769	7,000	6,073	5	163,934
1951-52 ..	25,242	60,342	28,211	8,131	6,880	6,507	6	135,319
1952-53 ..	38,875	58,178	49,425	7,982	6,643	6,372	5	167,480
1953-54 ..	31,354	64,396	42,154	7,862	6,281	7,533	5	159,585
1954-55 (b) ..	40,289	80,269	46,215	8,752	7,313	8,624	5	191,467

CHEESE (Factory and Farm).

(Tons.)

1938-39 ..	3,343	8,729	7,939	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1950-51 ..	2,960	22,576	8,678	8,932	751	412	..	44,309
1951-52 ..	1,995	22,255	4,700	10,615	625	408	..	40,598
1952-53 ..	3,163	22,386	9,439	10,454	898	266	..	46,606
1953-54 ..	3,210	25,987	6,746	11,612	1,208	294	..	49,057
1954-55 (b) ..	2,509	20,224	7,924	13,103	1,069	277	..	45,106

CONDENSED, POWDERED, ETC., MILK PRODUCTS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Full Cream Milk Products.				Total Whole Milk Equivalent of Full Cream Milk Products.	Milk By-Products.	
	Condensed Milk (Sweetened and Unsweetened).	Concentrated Whole Milk. (c)	Powdered Full Cream Milk.	Infants' and Invalids' Foods. (d)		Powdered Skim Milk.	Powdered Butter-milk and Whey.
1938-39.. ..	Tons. 15,519	Tons. (e) 1,659	Tons. 10,712	Tons. (f) 1,259	'000 gals. 33,367	Tons. (g)	Tons. (h) 556
1950-51.. ..	50,507	18,351	17,594	12,100	84,828	6,583	3,192
1951-52.. ..	52,467	16,743	15,121	12,066	76,324	10,887	2,938
1952-53.. ..	55,385	14,493	22,393	10,042	83,411	16,103	4,073
1953-54.. ..	42,386	19,464	18,905	11,740	75,773	19,804	5,358
1954-55 (b) ..	33,333	11,208	15,400	11,366	60,776	21,733	5,200

(a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Principally for use in ice-cream manufacture. (d) Includes malted milk and milk sugar and a small quantity of non-fat malted milk. (e) Incomplete. (f) Malted milk and milk sugar only. (g) Included with Powdered Full Cream Milk. (h) Excludes whey.

PRODUCTION.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN WEIGHT).
(Tons.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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BEEF (including Veal).

1938-39	..	172,001	113,985	207,007	24,731	27,733	10,946	2,235	572	559,210
1950-51	..	192,760	136,604	232,398	36,372	33,969	14,103	3,591	1,716	651,513
1951-52	..	184,271	137,241	177,608	31,091	32,196	14,390	3,285	1,806	581,888
1952-53	..	217,320	123,643	252,495	31,100	31,810	13,842	3,175	1,464	674,849
1953-54	..	220,915	140,019	257,783	34,122	35,494	11,003	3,277	1,656	704,269
1954-55 (a)	..	218,841	136,999	268,825	33,358	37,964	13,386	3,140	1,656	714,169

MUTTON.

1938-39	..	72,131	77,445	18,950	18,495	14,862	4,004	5	356	205,748
1950-51	..	52,464	56,045	12,467	21,022	14,374	4,813	27	621	161,833
1951-52	..	56,329	64,756	13,082	20,163	16,086	4,732	34	648	175,830
1952-53	..	72,455	94,130	18,572	33,660	23,020	5,654	82	834	249,007
1953-54	..	75,771	87,302	18,075	30,714	18,908	6,004	72	720	237,566
1954-55 (a)	..	73,479	89,324	15,862	27,631	20,022	6,065	78	720	233,181

LAMB.

1938-39	..	28,535	58,685	1,506	15,557	7,852	2,325	..	84	114,544
1950-51	..	39,999	47,007	1,100	12,990	7,176	3,848	..	300	112,420
1951-52	..	37,747	44,227	1,338	11,059	7,600	4,243	..	312	106,526
1952-53	..	53,276	58,900	1,799	17,824	8,886	5,002	..	396	146,083
1953-54	..	48,759	48,320	1,617	14,757	8,358	5,069	..	366	127,246
1954-55 (a)	..	48,824	61,666	1,535	21,121	7,415	5,753	..	360	146,674

PORK.

1938-39	..	9,617	10,769	11,844	2,037	1,092	1,623	8	43	37,033
1950-51	..	9,307	7,596	11,751	2,774	2,116	1,499	64	150	35,257
1951-52	..	10,332	8,716	8,604	2,551	2,550	1,981	70	170	35,024
1952-53	..	9,611	6,925	6,548	2,836	2,436	1,920	60	132	30,468
1953-54	..	12,949	7,332	7,216	2,253	2,032	1,399	69	146	33,396
1954-55 (a)	..	17,096	10,558	8,370	3,346	3,947	1,936	65	144	45,462

BACON AND HAM (Cured weight).

1938-39	..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	..	33,238
1950-51	..	12,629	7,905	8,764	3,042	3,558	946	..	..	36,844
1951-52(b)	..	12,514	8,964	7,669	2,969	3,683	829	..	..	36,628
1952-53(b)	..	13,228	8,165	9,510	3,063	3,693	886	..	..	38,545
1953-54	..	11,875	7,044	10,655	3,024	3,443	949	..	..	36,990
1954-55 (a) (b)	..	11,539	8,253	10,805	3,318	3,310	1,019	..	..	38,244

TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT.

1938-39	..	290,975	271,939	252,045	64,829	53,880	20,421	2,248	1,055	966,392
1950-51	..	311,704	253,002	269,634	77,296	62,473	25,554	3,682	2,787	1,011,132
1951-52	..	305,748	267,129	211,062	63,902	63,441	26,474	3,389	2,936	949,081
1952-53	..	370,652	294,702	292,349	89,585	71,776	27,624	3,317	2,826	1,152,831
1953-54	..	374,543	292,532	239,181	85,960	69,475	24,769	3,418	2,888	1,152,766
1954-55 (a)	..	373,933	309,773	309,288	89,969	73,849	28,526	3,282	2,880	1,191,500

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Includes pressed and canned bacon and ham converted to bone-in weight.

MINING AND QUARRYING—VALUE OF OUTPUT (a).
(£'000.)

Industry and Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust.
1953.								
Metal Mining—								
Gold Mining ..	225	1,033	278	7	13,375	..	820	15,738
Silver-Lead Zinc Mining	22,817	..	(b)	(b)	310	1,903	..	31,672
Copper-Gold Mining ..	21	..	(b)	(c)	(b)	(b)	18	4,384
Tin Mining ..	303	..	211	..	68	1,258	15	1,855
Other Metal Mining ..	1,322	6	1,027	(b)	1,401	(b)	266	9,170
Total Metal Mining	24,688	1,039	10,563	2,989	15,157	7,264	1,119	62,819
Fuel Mining—								
Black Coal Mining ..	41,630	946	5,861	461	3,073	453	..	52,424
Brown Coal Mining ..	..	3,628	..	..	..	..	..	3,628
Total Fuel Mining ..	41,630	4,574	5,861	461	3,073	453	..	56,052
Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining and Construc- tion Material Quarrying	6,028	(d) 3,716	(d) 860	2,753	(d) 1,781	320	102	(e) (d) 15,671
Total All Mining and Quarrying ..	72,346	(d) 9,329	(d) 17,284	6,203	(d) 20,011	8,037	1,221	(e) d 134,542
1952	77,097	(d) 8,535	(d) 17,429	6,047	(d) 17,704	8,750	(d) 1,282	d 136,844
1951(f)	67,877	6,949	10,922	4,938	13,474	10,552	(g)	114,712
1950(f)	46,102	5,274	10,829	4,428	12,037	7,049	(g)	85,719
1949(f)	35,295	4,215	7,096	3,118	9,799	4,629	(g)	64,152
1939(f)	12,914	2,789	3,438	3,648	12,496	2,145	(g)	37,430

(a) Selling value at point of sale of mine or quarry product less transport costs from mine or quarry to point of sale (i.e. value of output at mine or quarry) from 1952. For years prior to 1952 totals have been estimated by Government Statisticians in each State using values of individual products recorded by Mines Departments and other relevant data. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Less than £500. (d) Incomplete. (e) Includes £111,000 for the Australian Capital Territory. (f) Incomplete for some Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining industries and for Construction Material Quarrying in some States. (g) Not available.

PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Principal Metallic Contents of Minerals Produced.							Coal.	
	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Tin.	Tungsten.	Zinc.	Black.	Brown.
	tons	'000 f. oz.	'000 tons	'000 tons	tons	(a) tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons

QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1955.(b)

New South Wales	650	5	..	50	37	1	43	3,082	..
Victoria ..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	32	2,269
Queensland ..	6,169	15	..	11	181	7	5	646	..
South Australia ..	..	..	(c) 503	..	..	..	..	110	..
Western Australia	..	196	69	(d)	12	1	..	177	..
Tasmania ..	2,044	4	..	3	173	236	6	66	..
Northern Territory	379	18	..	..	(c) 3	21	..	..	..
Australia—									
Mar. Qtr. 1955	9,242	247	572	64	406	266	54	4,113	2,269
Mar. Qtr. 1954	10,178	269	554	66	460	153	59	4,446	2,089
Year									
1954 ..	40,857	1,118	(c) 2,274	285	2,075	1,372	253	19,761	9,331
1953 ..	36,585	1,075	(c) 2,132	269	1,553	1,406	239	18,411	8,257
1952 ..	18,578	980	(c) 1,883	228	1,610	1,282	196	19,404	8,104
1951 ..	17,926	896	(c) 1,605	212	1,559	1,112	189	17,608	7,836
1950 ..	17,481	870	(c) 1,418	225	1,854	730	198	16,543	7,327

(a) In terms of WO₃ (tungstic trioxide). (b) Subject to revision. (c) Estimated. (d) Less than half the unit of quantity shown.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. Australia.

Year.	(1) Factories.	(2) Persons Em- ployed. (a)	(3) Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	(4) Value of Fuel, &c., Used.	(5) Value of Materials Used.	(6) Value of Pro- duction. (c)	(7) Value of Output. (d)	(8) Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.
	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938-39 ..	26,941	565,106	106,743	15,700	281,303	203,417	500,420	274,582
1949-50 ..	41,596	917,499	385,797	54,830	929,094	661,532	1,645,456	545,151
1950-51 ..	43,147	968,918	491,718	71,682	1,235,281	843,872	2,150,835	642,336
1951-52 ..	45,844	977,517	611,789	96,629	1,513,210	1,024,867	2,634,706	769,634
1952-53 ..	47,740	933,261	635,245	109,337	1,527,805	1,082,862	2,720,004	907,930
1953-54 ..	49,576	989,542	705,137	120,458	1,743,905	1,231,113	3,095,476	1,063,146

(a) Average over whole year: includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Value of production equals figures in column (7) less total of figures in columns (4) and (5). (d) Value of goods produced including amounts received for work done.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. States.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
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1938-39.

1. Factories ..	No.	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Persons employed(a) ..		228,731	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Salaries, Wages paid(b) ..	£'000.	44,606	36,027	10,887	8,169	4,574	2,480	106,743
4. Value of fuel, &c. used ..		7,652	4,000	1,423	1,018	1,169	438	15,700
5. " materials used ..		120,502	82,971	42,596	20,309	9,604	5,321	281,303
6. " production(c) ..		90,266	65,996	19,302	13,678	8,776	5,399	203,417
7. " output ..		218,429	152,967	63,321	35,005	19,549	11,168	500,420
8. " land & buildings..		57,353	42,026	12,299	8,711	6,814	3,717	130,920
9. " plant & machinery..		62,693	38,627	18,095	9,750	8,095	6,402	143,662

1952-53.

1. Factories ..	No.	19,251	15,154	5,063	3,339	3,424	1,504	47,740
2. Persons employed(a) ..		380,213	310,759	93,123	80,483	45,188	23,495	933,261
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) ..	£'000.	265,910	210,878	57,591	56,546	28,344	15,976	635,245
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ..		53,630	25,626	9,624	11,806	6,175	2,476	109,337
5. " materials used ..		627,954	476,489	187,572	133,818	63,943	38,029	1,527,805
6. " production(c) ..		457,742	353,032	98,209	89,189	49,192	30,498	1,082,862
7. " output ..		1,139,326	860,147	295,405	234,813	119,310	71,003	2,720,004
8. " land & buildings..		176,576	135,324	24,720	31,904	20,960	14,962	414,446
9. " plant & machinery..		207,733	147,365	51,670	40,111	24,035	22,620	493,534

1953-54.

1. Factories ..	No.	20,199	15,533	5,199	3,577	3,523	1,545	49,576
2. Persons employed(a) ..		402,595	331,277	98,119	85,503	47,459	24,589	989,542
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) ..	£'000.	293,586	236,037	63,433	63,110	31,590	17,381	705,137
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ..		58,447	29,080	10,655	12,500	6,972	2,804	120,458
5. " materials used ..		721,311	548,111	207,383	152,590	72,468	42,042	1,743,905
6. " production(c) ..		520,043	408,314	114,323	100,221	55,147	33,065	1,231,113
7. " output ..		1,299,801	985,505	332,361	265,311	134,587	77,911	3,095,476
8. " land & buildings..		196,724	158,389	40,003	36,579	24,739	26,997	483,431
9. " plant & machinery..		233,022	181,058	64,160	46,788	28,193	27,492	580,715

(a) Average over whole year: includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietor. (c) Value of production equals figures in line 7 less totals of figures in lines 4 and 5.

Value of Production(a)—Australia.
(£'000.)

Class of Industry.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	5,146	5,473	21,893	23,287	26,567
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,572	6,065	20,946	22,170	26,229
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, Grease	12,456	22,582	63,715	67,835	82,317
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Conveyances	62,435	129,692	413,051	421,275	472,366
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate ..	931	1,376	5,438	5,239	6,406
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods (not dress)	10,918	22,036	56,584	64,833	78,558
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	3,183	6,850	13,623	15,838	16,613
VIII. Clothing (except Knitted)	16,551	29,835	81,058	82,786	93,563
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco	41,601	61,988	141,053	164,333	177,881
X. Sawmills, Joinery, Boxes, &c., Wood Turning and Carving	9,461	15,590	58,082	58,245	65,731
XI. Furniture of Wood, Bedding, &c. ..	4,200	5,467	19,320	19,315	21,367
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c.	14,559	20,496	68,234	68,293	79,312
XIII. Rubber	2,761	4,182	18,045	16,627	21,102
XIV. Musical Instruments	136	207	1,416	1,378	1,845
XV. Miscellaneous Products	2,098	6,609	17,179	18,353	23,037
XVI. Heat, Light and Power	11,409	13,875	25,230	33,055	38,219
Total	203,417	352,323	1,024,867	1,082,862	1,231,113

(a) See note (c) on previous page.

Average Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid per Employee.(a)
(£.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females ..	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1949-50—Males ..	499.33	510.86	446.87	487.39	433.41	465.46	492.20
Females ..	270.27	291.34	240.93	257.31	231.57	265.37	274.12
1950-51—Males ..	609.05	610.44	516.83	583.37	515.67	558.67	591.41
Females ..	338.08	355.57	289.82	322.03	279.55	322.46	338.12
1951-52—Males ..	756.84	736.68	625.91	716.25	643.68	687.09	725.57
Females ..	428.40	436.60	354.96	405.70	351.30	404.71	422.04
1952-53—Males ..	807.77	793.11	701.45	779.90	711.80	761.21	782.87
Females ..	473.28	483.46	400.48	451.80	400.32	448.58	467.79
1953-54—Males ..	844.05	833.71	733.34	824.48	754.19	791.87	820.93
Females ..	499.19	510.99	418.22	465.96	421.95	477.75	493.10

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

Average Number of Males and Females Employed(a) over whole Year, 1953-54.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males	305,040	240,698	81,425	70,657	40,439	20,249	758,508
Females	97,555	90,579	16,694	14,846	7,020	4,340	231,034
Masculinity(b) ..	313	266	488	476	576	466	328

(a) Includes working proprietors.

(b) Number of males per 100 females.

PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES—AUSTRALIA.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	1938-39.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55. (a)
Beer	Mill. gal.	89	171	183	192	209	(b) 229
Biscuits	Mill. lb.	73.7	130.1	149.9	148.3	150.5	149.7
Blankets	Thousand	1,147	1,945	1,291	939	1,202	1,541
Boots, Shoes and Sandals	'000 pair.	13,967	18,905	18,509	17,709	19,949	19,132
Bricks, Clay	Million	721	689	715	660	795	831
Cement Building Sheets	Mill. sq. yds.	9.5	21.2	23.3	24.3	25.0	27.7
Cement, Portland	'000 tons	868	1,235	1,237	1,439	1,700	1,922
Cloth, Woven, Woollen(c)	Mill. sq. yds.	31.7	37.9	29.1	28.6	32.6	28.4
Coal—Black	'000 tons	12,608	16,418	19,170	18,545	19,424	19,350
Brown	" "	3,208	7,300	8,096	8,075	8,731	9,668
Confectionery—Chocolate	Mill. lb.	43.5	69.1	61.3	59.0	62.6	56.7
Other	" "	58.1	73.4	78.7	76.6	76.9	80.8
Copper, Refined(d)	'000 tons	17.5	11.2	17.8	19.1	20.9	30.4
Electricity	Mill. kWh	4,688	10,503	11,297	12,045	13,707	15,298
Electric Motors	Thousand	31.7	523.6	610.4	601.7	971.5	1,185.1
Enamels, Natural and Synthetic Engines, Internal Combustion—	'000 gal.	575	1,889	2,093	2,108	2,699	3,624
Marine(e)	Number	2,957	2,296	2,112	1,232	1,357	1,316
Other(f)	" "	2,889	31,322	30,431	21,446	27,467	21,576
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	7,605	15,184	16,470	15,418	16,185	17,259
Flour, Wheat	'000 short tons	1,373	1,696	1,721	1,726	1,609	1,538
Fruit, Preserved(g)	Mill. lb.	150.7	233.5	256.1	228.4	338.6	318.2
Gas(h)	Mill. cub. ft.	21,472	37,875	40,391	40,722	42,100	43,322
Gold (Mine)	'000 fine oz.	1,621	891	909	1,038	1,111	1,080
Hosiery—Men's and Boys'	'000 doz. pr.	1,102	1,536	1,462	1,575	1,895	1,679
Women's and Girls'	" "	2,136	1,857	1,867	2,337	2,793	3,052
Children's	" "	611	563	462	422	570	421
Ice Cream	'000 gal.	4,262	17,385	17,306	13,425	13,678	14,836
Iron and Steel—Pig Iron	'000 tons	1,105	1,313	1,430	1,692	1,827	1,865
Ingot Steel	" "	1,170	1,444	1,521	1,801	2,117	2,209
Jam	" "	37.9	55.9	48.3	34.6	38.3	35.1
Lacquers	'000 gal.	576	1,158	1,191	1,013	1,307	1,479
Lead (i)	'000 tons	233	188	188	192	236	235
Malt, Barley and Wheat	'000 bush.	3,733	5,772	6,242	6,793	7,253	7,730
Margarine—Table	'000 lb.	7,448	8,542	15,952	15,856	21,866	21,827
Other	" "	31,221	49,653	56,168	49,337	49,939	49,716
Meat, Canned	'000 tons	14.4	58.0	72.3	92.7	71.5	77.0
Newsprint	" "	" "	31.0	32.6	34.0	60.4	73.1
Paints, Ready Mixed	'000 gal.	2,115	5,590	5,513	4,900	5,180	6,252
Refrigerators, Domestic	Thousand	29.5	203.9	192.8	182.1	274.5	279.3
Silver, Refined	'000 fine oz.	9,455	6,563	6,681	6,388	8,360	7,686
Slippers	'000 pr.	7,704	8,641	7,578	6,966	8,558	6,821
Soap	'000 cwt.	998	1,366	1,305	1,209	1,247	1,270
Stoves, Cooking(j)—Electric(k)	Thousand	(l)	44.8	50.9	22.5	37.2	47.2
Gas	" "	46.7	55.4	51.0	35.7	44.6	60.9
Solid Fuel	" "	54.5	75.0	71.7	47.0	50.4	50.5
Sugar, Refined	'000 tons	339	451	493	440	449	479
Sulphate of Ammonia	" "	24.3	57.9	63.8	70.2	70.8	77.8
Sulphuric Acid (100%)	" "	489	640	650	627	732	827
Superphosphate	" "	1,199	1,548	1,597	1,581	1,771	1,961
Tiles, Roofing—Terracotta	Million.	39.7	47.0	48.9	58.0	63.8	63.4
Cement	" "	4.5	50.8	66.5	46.9	44.7	52.2
Timber, Sawn Native(m)	Mill. sup. ft.	717	1,261	1,393	1,340	1,395	1,422
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	Mill. lb.	23.3	31.8	33.5	36.3	41.8	44.8
Vegetables, Preserved(n)	" "	10.3	79.5	100.4	66.3	40.3	46.9
Wool, Scoured	" "	105	152	121	124	139	135
Wool Tops	" "	25.2	29.8	24.8	26.5	32.0	30.9
Yarn, Woollen and Worsted	" "	32.5	46.6	36.5	35.6	45.7	43.6
Zinc, Refined	'000 tons	69.8	77.7	84.1	86.2	99.2	100.5

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes waste beer. (c) Includes wool in admixture with fibres other than rayon. (d) Excludes copper refined from imported blister copper. (e) Other than Diesel type. (f) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aeroplane. (g) Includes all types of preserved apples. (h) Made in gas-works only. (i) Includes lead in lead bullion, produced for export. (j) Domestic. (k) Excludes stoves, cookers, &c. (l) Figures prior to 1948-49 not available on a comparable basis. (m) Includes sawn sleepers. (n) Includes preserved tomatoes.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION^(a)—AUSTRALIA.^(b)

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

(£'000.)

Industry.	1938-39.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53. (c)	1953-54. (d)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION.						
Agriculture ..	41,679	218,703	208,130	246,685	276,398	268,460
Pastoral(e) ..	63,820	337,121	704,809	400,493	493,745	491,716
Dairying ..	33,782	81,102	89,352	103,776	135,745	136,956
Poultry ..	7,302	22,228	24,614	31,554	35,213	34,782
Bee-farming(f) ..	123	743	831	774	1,066	1,426
Total Rural ..	146,706	659,897	1,027,736	783,282	942,167	933,340
Trapping(f) ..	1,422	5,716	6,629	6,713	5,595	5,074
Forestry(f) ..	7,811	23,195	28,428	37,905	41,864	41,720
Fishing and Whaling(f)	1,654	4,234	4,869	5,729	6,897	7,741
Mining and Quarrying	27,375	52,327	71,150	97,199	109,671	104,875
Total Non-Rural ..	38,262	85,472	111,076	147,546	164,027	159,410
Total All Primary	184,968	745,369	1,138,812	930,828	1,106,194	1,092,750
Factories ..	203,417	661,532	843,872	1,024,867	1,082,862	1,231,113
Total All Industries	388,385	1,406,901	1,982,684	1,955,695	2,189,056	2,323,863

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Agriculture ..	6 0 6	27 6 2	25 3 8	29 1 3	31 16 1	30 6 4
Pastoral(e) ..	9 4 7	42 1 11	85 5 7	47 3 8	56 16 2	55 10 7
Dairying ..	4 17 9	10 2 6	10 16 3	12 4 6	15 12 0	15 9 4
Poultry ..	1 1 1	2 15 7	2 19 7	3 14 4	4 1 1	3 18 7
Bee-farming(f) ..	0 0 4	0 1 11	0 2 0	0 1 10	0 2 5	0 3 2
Total Rural ..	21 4 3	82 8 1	124 7 1	92 5 7	108 8 1	105 8 0
Trapping(f) ..	0 4 1	0 14 3	0 16 1	0 15 10	0 12 11	0 11 6
Forestry(f) ..	1 2 7	2 17 11	3 8 10	4 9 3	4 16 4	4 14 3
Fishing and Whaling(f)	0 4 10	0 10 7	0 11 9	0 13 6	0 15 11	0 17 6
Mining and Quarrying	3 19 2	6 10 9	8 12 2	11 9 0	12 12 4	11 16 10
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 8	10 13 6	13 8 10	17 7 7	18 17 6	18 0 1
Total All Primary	26 14 11	93 1 7	137 15 11	109 13 2	127 5 7	123 8 1
Factories ..	29 8 4	82 12 2	102 2 2	120 14 10	124 11 11	139 0 7
Total All Industries	56 3 3	175 13 9	239 18 1	230 8 0	251 17 6	262 8 8

(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, &c.

(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory for Mining and Quarrying.

(d) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory for Mining and Quarrying.

(e) Distributions of profits from the 1939-45 Wartime Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded.

(f) Local value.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION^(a) 1953-54.

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

(£'000.)

Industry.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.(b)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION.							
Agriculture	68,342	65,624	55,471	41,700	23,119	9,204	268,460
Pastoral(c)	202,439	108,930	81,989	47,423	43,784	7,151	491,716
Dairying	43,598	46,202	28,444	10,257	3,695	4,760	136,956
Poultry	14,923	13,991	1,176	2,079	1,634	979	34,782
Bee-farming(d) ..	464	402	138	189	211	22	1,426
Total Rural	329,766	235,149	167,218	101,648	77,443	22,116	933,340
Trapping(d)	1,798	2,047	296	411	304	218	5,074
Forestry(d)	12,905	9,475	7,797	4,373	3,615	3,555	41,720
Fishing and Whaling(d)	2,642	834	951	1,015	1,867	432	7,741
Mining and Quarrying ..	58,042	7,277	12,906	5,051	13,998	6,392	104,875
Total Non-rural ..	75,387	19,633	21,950	10,850	19,784	10,597	159,410
Total All Primary ..	405,153	254,782	189,168	112,498	97,227	32,713	1,092,750
Factories	520,043	408,314	114,323	100,221	55,147	33,065	1,231,113
Total All Industries ..	925,196	663,096	303,491	212,719	152,374	65,778	2,323,863

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Agriculture	20 1 4	27 1 8	42 13 1	53 1 1	44 11 8	29 14 11	30 6 4
Pastoral(c)	59 8 11	44 19 2	63 0 11	60 6 9	69 8 5	23 2 2	55 10 7
Dairying	12 16 1	19 1 5	21 17 5	13 1 0	5 17 2	15 7 8	15 9 4
Poultry	4 7 8	5 15 6	0 18 1	2 12 11	2 11 10	3 3 4	3 18 7
Bee-farming(d) ..	0 2 8	0 3 4	0 2 2	0 4 9	0 6 8	0 1 5	0 3 2
Total Rural	96 16 8	97 1 1	128 11 8	129 6 6	122 15 9	71 9 6	105 8 0
Trapping(d)	0 10 7	0 16 11	0 4 7	0 10 6	0 9 8	0 14 1	0 11 6
Forestry(d)	3 15 10	3 18 3	5 19 11	5 11 3	5 14 7	11 9 10	4 14 3
Fishing and Whaling(d)	0 15 6	0 6 10	0 14 7	1 5 10	2 19 3	1 7 11	0 17 6
Mining and Quarrying ..	17 0 10	3 0 1	9 13 6	6 8 6	22 3 11	20 13 2	11 16 10
Total Non-Rural ..	22 2 9	8 2 1	16 17 7	13 16 1	31 7 4	34 5 0	18 0 1
Total All Primary ..	118 19 5	105 3 2	145 9 3	143 2 7	154 3 1	105 14 6	123 8 1
Factories	152 14 3	168 10 7	87 18 2	127 10 3	87 8 8	106 17 3	139 0 7
Total All Industries ..	271 13 8	273 13 9	233 7 5	270 12 10	241 11 9	212 11 9	262 8 8

(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty relief, &c.
and Northern Territory except for Mining and Quarrying.
time Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded.

(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory
(c) Distributions of profits from the War-
(d) Local value.

Section III.—Building.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED, YEAR ENDED
30th JUNE, 1955.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

(£'000.)

Kind of Building.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Houses—								
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone Wood (Weatherboard, &c.)	24,812	25,527	2,267	16,211	10,854	1,726	1,370	82,767
Fibro Cement	19,848	37,903	13,010	2,309	535	4,592	389	78,586
Other	33,278	3,058	2,103	1,986	12,819	94	4	53,342
	149	480	187	150	3	..	..	969
Total Houses ..	78,087	66,968	17,567	20,656	24,211	6,412	1,763	215,664
Flats	1,552	1,744	581	222	588	134	35	4,856
Shops with Dwellings ..	1,004	1,057	1,078	719	159	398	121	10,622
Shops without Dwellings	2,552	2,587						
Hotels, Guest Houses, Boarding Houses, &c.	2,334	513	232	287	198	59	52	3,675
Factories	7,719	9,894	878	1,167	3,125	562	179	23,524
Other New Buildings ..	17,446	14,453	7,982	4,090	4,868	3,084	793	52,656
Total Other Buildings	32,607	30,248	10,751	6,425	9,885	4,237	1,180	95,333
Total New Buildings	110,694	97,216	28,318	27,081	34,096	10,649	2,943	310,997

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

(£'000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
COMMENCED.								
1949-50	(a) 51,277	44,218	16,994	11,301	8,459	8,379	1,492	(a) 142,120
1950-51	(a) 79,750	74,750	21,082	17,827	14,186	10,336	2,439	(a) 220,370
1951-52	83,460	78,740	27,605	22,606	18,724	11,004	2,559	244,698
1952-53	71,005	60,244	25,680	25,819	20,019	6,611	2,788	213,066
1953-54	111,097	87,783	27,839	25,649	26,369	9,224	2,856	290,767
1954-55	124,420	101,095	32,073	29,946	35,458	10,836	5,932	340,660

COMPLETED.

1949-50	(a) 40,920	34,684	13,953	9,074	5,352	5,342	1,462	(a) 110,787
1950-51	(a) 49,466	52,058	17,286	12,042	8,948	8,403	1,717	(a) 149,920
1951-52	76,207	68,615	25,339	18,123	14,426	10,511	2,723	215,944
1952-53	105,261	76,107	26,233	25,882	22,018	10,665	2,875	262,720
1953-54	101,545	84,747	25,013	26,108	25,785	9,692	3,878	277,668
1954-55	110,694	97,216	28,318	27,081	34,096	10,649	2,943	310,997

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

1949-50	(a) 75,006	56,096	11,805	10,519	10,022	8,989	4,396	(a) 178,833
1950-51	102,708	85,058	15,653	17,272	15,942	12,178	5,302	254,113
1951-52	125,674	102,670	18,728	23,813	22,302	13,770	6,208	313,165
1952-53	105,261	94,017	17,838	25,253	23,189	10,494	7,161	283,213
1953-54	120,460	100,753	19,699	23,780	25,701	11,782	7,249	309,374
1954-55	136,522	108,247	23,446	26,854	29,102	12,399	10,643	347,213

(a) Partly estimated.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED, YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1955.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Material of Outer Walls.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone .. Wood (Weatherboard, &c.)	6,306	7,221	741	5,661	3,106	515	302	23,852
Fibro Cement.. ..	7,479	14,612	5,822	734	209	1,898	94	30,848
Other	15,050	1,554	1,277	860	5,474	67	2	24,284
Total	47	173	85	68	3	..	..	376
Total	28,882	23,560	7,925	7,323	8,792	2,480	398	79,360

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES. (INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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COMMENCED.

1949-50	(a)22,055	19,643	10,009	6,109	5,031	3,664	389	(a)66,900
1950-51	(a)25,162	26,949	10,698	7,966	6,970	4,122	877	(a)82,744
1951-52	24,364	23,506	11,995	8,510	7,730	3,584	312	80,001
1952-53	21,030	16,254	9,381	7,967	7,012	2,285	528	64,457
1953-54	28,395	20,915	8,513	6,792	7,608	2,665	355	75,243
1954-55	25,502	22,674	7,784	7,190	8,575	2,867	640	75,232

COMPLETED.

1949-50	(a)18,766	15,611	9,447	4,904	3,509	2,852	404	(a)55,493
1950-51	(a)19,771	21,161	10,275	6,725	5,160	3,914	574	(a)67,580
1951-52	23,351	23,951	11,803	7,711	6,577	3,999	584	77,976
1952-53	24,890	21,033	10,598	8,940	7,965	3,314	590	77,330
1953-54	26,513	21,385	8,961	7,522	7,627	2,630	552	75,190
1954-55	28,882	23,560	7,925	7,323	8,792	2,480	398	79,360

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

1949-50	(a)26,402	21,553	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	(a)65,708
1950-51	31,793	27,341	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	80,909
1951-52	32,806	26,896	5,135	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	83,000
1952-53	28,946	22,053	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	70,092
1953-54	30,828	22,581	3,470	5,750	5,932	2,149	449	70,159
1954-55	27,448	20,692	3,329	5,602	5,715	2,536	691	66,013

(a) Partly estimated.

NUMBER OF NEW FLATS COMPLETED.(a) (INDIVIDUAL FLATS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1949-50	1,075	246	16	..	101	24	32	1,494
1950-51	966	333	26	..	305	18	36	1,684
1951-52	1,225	416	29	..	215	21	100	2,006
1952-53	1,664	692	53	58	100	14	46	2,627
1953-54	1,011	689	156	99	212	13	..	2,180
1954-55(b)	701	781	309	105	316	48	12	2,272

(a) Figures are additional to numbers of houses shown above. Each flat is counted as a separate unit, and the numbers shown relate to individual flats. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. (b) In this period 2,910 flats were commenced, and 2,855 flats were under construction at the end of the period in Australia.

Section IV.—Oversea Trade.

COMPILED FROM INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

OVERSEA TRADE—STATES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
IMPORTS.					
New South Wales	53,088	429,104	210,148	280,537	346,096
Victoria	40,463	363,193	173,775	237,683	297,494
Queensland	9,070	86,427	43,222	55,631	68,883
South Australia	6,670	93,031	43,275	51,472	64,804
Western Australia	6,137	60,236	29,874	42,595	50,648
Tasmania	1,292	20,711	13,315	13,049	15,129
Northern Territory	34	720	500	642	688
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..
Australia	116,754	1,053,423	514,109	681,609	843,742
EXPORTS.(a)					
New South Wales	45,903	201,460	270,082	263,175	220,657
Victoria	30,819	185,994	228,118	203,581	216,572
Queensland	28,652	95,975	145,098	165,105	154,483
South Australia	14,841	97,251	122,948	110,249	95,079
Western Australia	17,070	75,781	83,143	68,459	68,507
Tasmania	3,198	18,512	21,849	17,733	18,762
Northern Territory	13	35	34	30	104
Australia	140,496	675,008	871,272	823,332	774,164

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

OVERSEA TRADE—AUSTRALIA.

(f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.				
			Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.		
								Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.
1938-39 ..	£A'000 257,250	£A'000 116,754	£A'000 135,476	£A'000 5,020	£A'000 140,496	£ 37.1	£ 16.8	£ 19.6	£ 0.7	£ 20.3
1951-52 ..	1,728,431	1,053,423	667,059	7,949	675,008	202.6	123.5	78.2	0.9	79.1
1952-53 ..	1,385,381	514,109	863,291	7,981	871,272	158.6	58.9	98.8	0.9	99.7
1953-54 ..	1,509,836	681,609	820,057	8,275	828,332	169.6	76.6	92.1	0.9	93.0
1954-55 ..	1,617,906	843,742	765,883	8,281	774,164	178.0	92.8	84.3	0.9	85.2

(a) Excludes the value of stores shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of Ships' stores in £A'000 were: 1938-39, £2,106; 1951-52, £10,478; 1952-53, £11,696; 1953-54, £10,266; and 1954-55, £13,181.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)		
	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
1938-39 ..	113,217	3,537	116,754	121,533	18,963	140,496	+8,316	+15,426	+23,742
1951-52 ..	1,049,751	3,672	1,053,423	665,240	9,768	675,008	-384,511	+6,096	-378,415
1952-53 ..	510,342	3,767	514,109	848,498	22,774	871,272	+338,166	+19,007	+357,163
1953-54 ..	678,590	3,019	681,609	811,866	16,466	828,332	+133,276	+13,447	+146,723
1954-55 ..	840,972	2,770	843,742	758,041	16,123	774,164	-82,931	+13,353	-69,578

IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

OVERSEA TRADE.

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Borneo (British).	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	South Africa, Union of.	Bahrein Islands.	Belgium. (a)	Brazil.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	1,607	259	529	..	1	..	783	..	626	..	9	..
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	1,085	..	..	18,616	3,185	144	136	30	189	..	8	384
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	1,689	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
4. Tobacco ..	2,219	..	712	..	15	..	..	..	53	..	..	19
5. Live animals ..	154	..	..	..	1	2	440	1	..	..	..	..
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs ..	321	..	22	..	512	..	1,640	..	57	..	6	..
7. Vegetable .. substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; synthetic fibres ..	710	3	..	305	1,202	149	1,027	1	442	2	51	1,161
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	66,061	..	340	25	19,325	9	49	3	2	..	3,018	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	6,009	14,086	1	72	1,054	50	287	2,349	112	15,266	140	..
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	2,783	..	4	..	8	..	..	..	3	..	2	200
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	483	..	1,808	23	194	44	35	..	1,618	31	5	1
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	207,648	2	9,232	1	22	508	321	19	191	..	4,869	..
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	4,041	45	29	119	26	10,679	23	34	3	..	1	..
14. Wood and wicker ..	378	1,116	5,280	..	7	1,127	1,239	12	..	..	5	337
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	10,100	..	120	..	11	..	32	..	1	..	1,430	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	21,643	..	4,389	..	110	..	1,276	..	9	..	122	..
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	3,179	..	7	18	42	1	2	1	638	..	198	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	5,720	..	189	..	3	12	4	7	..	..	72	..
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products &c.	14,485	..	255	37	18	15	57	..	190	..	150	9
20. Miscellaneous ..	28,354	10	918	300	231	57	290	35	214	20	583	21
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	451	..	..	..	..	..
Year 1954-55 ..	378,669	15,521	23,840	19,516	26,057	12,797	8,042	2,492	4,349	15,319	10,669	2,132
„ 1953-54 ..	331,701	8,439	18,742	13,490	18,475	8,721	6,854	8,599	3,375	16,410	7,063	1,851
„ 1952-53 ..	214,702	5,998	19,546	9,786	14,646	5,798	3,999	5,858	3,101	14,912	5,506	901
„ 1951-52 ..	465,706	6,903	23,559	11,173	47,825	18,632	7,410	8,764	4,418	13,068	27,528	7,365
„ 1938-39 ..	46,094	215	8,806	957	3,272	1,029	2,087	(b)	291	744	1,122	81

(a) Includes Luxemburg prior to 1954-55,

(b) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Imports into Australia of the Produce or Manufacture of the Undermentioned Countries—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	Czecho- slovakia.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia, Republic of.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway.	Iran (Persia.)	Sweden.	United States of America.	Total, All Coun- tries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	25	7	357	..	116	739	53	984	..	27	91	7,303
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	14	63	37	815	702	2	1,858	5	..	15	24	35,926
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	4	193	12	..	40	..	22	..	..	1	3	2,023
4. Tobacco ..	4	1	6	42	53	..	124	4	..	..	10,170	17,316
5. Live animals ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	62	693
6. Animal substances, not food- stuffs ..	..	35	16	1	8	63	6	44	..	27	78	4,108
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufac- tures and synthetic fibres ..	..	127	337	715	157	67	235	25	24	116	5,183	19,461
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	1,066	5,073	3,876	11	5,373	9,027	3,935	27	8	107	524	126,752
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	..	1,010	185	20,390	662	224	805	14	5,896	21	7,838	96,913
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	13	485	..	13	259	27	4	..	..	1,882	5,900
11. Rocks, minerals and hydro- carbons ..	..	4	64	..	56	117	21	14	..	62	2,861	8,234
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	293	5,404	14,333	..	2,027	4,045	3,058	1,501	..	3,716	57,949	324,140
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	6	283	172	162	217	21	7	1	..	26	861	17,825
14. Wood and wicker ..	15	65	56	249	47	155	22	363	4	1,510	3,698	17,459
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	482	341	676	2	219	671	120	20	..	300	522	15,517
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac- tures and stationery ..	116	220	816	..	188	1,464	743	3,098	..	6,752	1,529	46,410
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time- pieces ..	147	181	2,392	..	265	612	104	66	..	46	19	10,442
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	34	153	1,722	..	243	148	171	1	..	55	1,688	10,841
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, &c. ..	7	1,034	3,333	10	393	371	824	152	..	256	2,250	27,941
20. Miscellaneous ..	118	482	1,963	132	961	437	946	187	2	479	4,924	45,758
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2,770
Year 1954-55 ..	2,331	14,689	30,838	22,529	11,740	18,422	13,081	6,510	5,934	13,516	102,157	843,742
„ 1953-54 ..	2,147	11,793	21,365	21,972	11,182	6,545	9,618	4,737	47	10,230	73,254	681,609
„ 1952-53 ..	1,019	9,253	13,582	21,544	5,225	4,692	5,954	2,420	323	6,786	85,168	514,109
„ 1951-52 ..	6,513	22,390	32,718	25,530	27,712	43,582	14,975	11,650	2,292	27,537	109,141	1,053,423
„ 1938-39 ..	572	1,172	(a) 4,710	8,117	781	4,666	799	432	956	1,079	16,699	(b) 116,754

(a) Pre-War Germany.

(b) Includes outside packages not distributed according to countries.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

OVERSEA TRADE.

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	Hong Kong.	India.	Ireland, Republic of.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium. (a)	Egypt.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	80,362	1,823	1,503	1,443	2,091	2	3,098	111	4,450	73	374	1,237
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	64,808	5,683	4,357	2,547	12,464	1,724	4,182	11,962	4,638	45	2,613	441
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	417	362	2	13	9	..	25	121	41	..	..	..
4. Tobacco ..	4	..	..	15	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	..
5. Live animals ..	9	..	..	20	4	..	1	114	375	11	9	..
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs ..	110,910	2,359	23	457	1,143	1,560	..	496	72	812	26,112	148
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres ..	462	12	2	2	3	2	2	508	2	25	35	2
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	253	63	5	20	10	..	3	787	14	13	18	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	633	2	252	26	321	..	140	1,291	515	63	11	19
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	17	..	..	9	2	..	4	388	22	1	..	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	3,704	26	..	2	21	..	..	461	4	26	1,691	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	19,474	62	234	168	3,162	..	600	12,839	805	1,389	253	11
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	1,402	7	4	538	13	..	39	366	139	74	8	..
14. Wood and wicker ..	395	24	6	12	..	1	9	1,154	13	87	1	..
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	5	..	1	3	33	..	1	820	9	1	..	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	285	4	13	2	27	1	9	1,695	44	35	2	1
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	45	10	8	7	1	..	1	180	34	56	12	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	137	6	4	14	3	..	3	564	27	42	4	1
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, &c. ..	380	16	31	64	79	..	157	1,521	110	72	104	15
20. Miscellaneous ..	1,612	44	106	173	42	2	136	2,337	286	44	5	3
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie ..	192	..	2,172	11,780	..	..	..	39	..	..	..	..
Year 1954-55 ..	285,506	10,503	8,723	17,315	19,428	3,292	8,410	37,794	11,600	2,869	31,252	1,878
" 1953-54 ..	300,730	11,037	11,847	7,773	14,293	2,186	9,143	33,469	11,288	3,588	32,663	3,073
" 1952-53 ..	359,257	8,712	14,687	8,855	17,148	4,354	9,344	28,677	12,794	3,640	32,141	3,374
" 1951-52 ..	208,159	9,177	10,630	3,800	16,911	2,426	8,532	37,321	11,810	3,528	24,940	8,976
" 1938-39 ..	68,716	1,994	1,327	475	1,965	327	1,911	6,682	(b)	813	5,547	601

(a) Includes Luxemburg prior to 1954-55.

(b) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Exports from Australia to the Undermentioned Countries—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia, Republic of.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Iran. (Persia.)	Poland.	Sweden.	U.S.S.R.	United States of America.	Total, All Countries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	105	1,239	183	400	584	301	50	..	21	..	3,064	112,545
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	47	5,639	3,133	192	8,501	2,924	9	..	1,251	..	76	152,600
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	..	..	20	..	74	..	..	..	..	..	2	1,716
4. Tobacco .. ..	..	..	..	..	18	5	..	..	..	..	..	348
5. Live animals .. ..	..	1	..	..	49	22	..	..	..	..	36	1,031
6. Animal substances, not food- stuffs	63,272	23,443	15	33,395	46,456	1,868	220	6,217	1,524	153	31,941	374,690
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufac- tures and synthetic fibres	6	14	4	53	5	21	..	..	14	..	519	1,831
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	6	45	7	463	16	12	..	..	1	..	134	2,758
9. Oils, fats and waxes	8	557	13	11	193	960	4	..	1	..	76	6,589
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	5	24	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	922
11. Rocks, minerals and hydro- carbons	287	346	..	594	922	444	..	25	275	..	6,369	17,052
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	241	382	256	722	593	214	9	..	90	..	9,224	59,108
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	1	..	4	..	1	2	..	..	23	..	18	3,196
14. Wood and wicker	1	9	..	15	..	34	..	..	1	..	9	2,316
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1,161
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac- tures and stationery ..	6	1	7	18	1	..	..	..	6	..	17	2,560
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time- pieces	1	38	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	69	570
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	5	10	4	3	13	2	..	..	2	1	66	1,253
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, &c.	45	48	18	6	334	5	..	..	9	..	476	4,505
20. Miscellaneous	25	46	14	41	812	41	..	..	22	..	318	11,290
21. Gold and silver: bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	25	16,123
Year 1954-55	64,056	31,823	3,702	35,915	58,572	6,857	292	6,243	3,241	154	52,440	774,164
" 1953-54	74,401	27,096	6,585	51,326	55,689	5,578	198	7,286	3,601	26,146	55,534	828,332
" 1952-53	76,016	22,366	5,064	44,706	83,958	8,081	327	3,644	2,888	1,642	57,837	871,272
" 1951-52	57,875	20,839	3,967	37,998	48,514	11,353	439	5,008	6,086	..	77,215	675,008
" 1938-39	9,386	(a) 2,652	1,830	1,211	4,865	1,039	3	426	637	278	19,562	140,496

(a) Pre-War Germany.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

(£A'000.)

Division.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CUSTOMS.				
1. Ale, Spirits and Beverages ..	634	649	2,354	2,754
2. Tobacco and Manufactures thereof	4,123	4,034	18,899	15,818
3. Sugar	1	1	3	7
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries	403	471	1,719	2,011
5. Textiles, &c. and Attire ..	3,006	3,233	10,667	12,837
6. Metals and Machinery ..	3,545	4,338	12,006	15,995
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes ..	6,199	5,851	27,338	23,192
8. Earthenware, &c. ..	536	639	1,676	2,388
9. Drugs and Chemicals ..	200	258	738	1,044
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane ..	344	443	1,076	1,640
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods ..	749	787	2,624	3,560
12. Leather and Rubber ..	409	451	1,338	1,768
13. Paper and Stationery ..	312	321	907	1,450
14. Vehicles	2,272	3,016	6,083	10,166
15. Musical Instruments ..	19	25	58	91
16. Miscellaneous	613	813	2,298	3,240
Primage	2,165	2,170	8,636	8,681
Ships' Stores	37	41	130	114
Other Receipts	206	151	771	563
Total Customs	25,773	27,692	99,321	107,319
EXCISE.				
Beer	16,600	17,597	71,068	76,380
Cigarette Papers and Tubes ..	257	244	1,072	1,007
Coal	155	160	579	600
Matches	262	272	1,084	1,097
Petrol	2,348	3,736	5,555	12,908
Playing Cards	15	13	53	50
Spirits	1,675	1,846	6,361	6,502
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	9,900	11,523	39,294	44,180
Other Excise, including Licences ..	98	101	418	469
Total Excise	31,310	35,492	125,484	143,193
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections	57,083	* 63,184	224,805	250,512
Refunds and Drawback paid ..	1,274	1,520	4,588	6,109
TOTAL NET REVENUE ..	55,809	61,664	220,217	244,403

**VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM
AUSTRALIA.**

IMPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Cheese	65	111	185	360
Fish—				
Fresh or preserved by cold process ..	300	406	1,197	1,519
Preserved in airtight containers ..	564	646	2,443	3,532
Other	121	143	464	561
Lactose	23	16	202	110
Meats—				
Sausage casings	127	226	558	884
Other	18	26	617	73
Other foodstuffs of animal origin ..	52	64	187	264
Total, Class I.	1,270	1,638	5,853	7,303
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Cocoa butter	931	734	2,209	2,411
Cocoa beans, cocoa mass, paste or slab ..	1,684	3,096	3,026	4,560
Coffee and chicory	622	772	2,161	2,359
Confectionery, including cocoa and chocolate	39	130	140	321
Fruit, dried, dates	30	86	284	352
Grain and pulse	190	46	535	251
Hops	130	126	543	395
Nuts, edible	410	298	1,580	1,138
Pickles and sauces	31	43	100	153
Sago and tapioca	20	20	88	64
Spices	206	270	756	805
Sugar and sugar syrups	82	127	183	194
Tea	3,456	4,483	13,647	21,743
Vegetables, preserved in airtight containers ..	27	164	89	499
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	144	111	361	681
Total, Class II.	8,002	10,506	25,702	35,926
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, porter, cider and perry ..	12	16	41	46
Spirits (beverages)—				
Whisky	335	430	1,018	1,560
Other	71	72	185	294
Wine, fermented	21	27	84	128
Total, Class III.	439	545	1,328	2,028

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued*.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment).

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes	879	678	5,231	2,393
Cigars	14	27	101	107
Snuff .. .. .	..	1	2	1
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	37	28	115	132
Unmanufactured	2,293	1,574	12,360	14,683
Total, Class IV.	3,223	2,308	17,809	17,316
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS				
	207	192	570	693
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Coarse hair and fibre	154	195	734	597
Hides and skins—				
Calf and cattle	46	14	174	108
Furred skins	192	112	545	538
Goat	78	63	214	303
Other	13	11	78	72
Shells	73	63	253	248
Silk, raw	16	12	73	58
Wool	532	520	2,178	2,002
Other animal substances	51	49	188	182
Total, Class VI.	1,155	1,039	4,437	4,108
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Copra	620	973	2,240	2,575
Cork and manufactures	96	176	442	667
Fibres—				
Coir	71	87	303	271
Cotton, raw	2,718	2,488	8,154	8,558
Flax and hemp	65	65	186	165
Jute	199	29	759	530
Kapok	55	69	380	366
Synthetic fibres and filaments	202	215	845	972
Other	419	471	1,738	1,426
Gums and resins	311	396	1,135	1,362
Seeds—				
Gardening, agricultural and horticultural	202	341	903	1,424
Oil seeds	80	72	358	247
Tanning substances	162	239	574	649
Other vegetable substances	41	43	223	249
Total, Class VII.	5,241	5,664	18,240	19,461

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
<i>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—</i>				
Bags and sacks—				
Corn and flour	1,492	2,191	4,567	8,478
Woolpacks	524	887	1,414	3,045
Other	36	39	104	120
Cordage and twines and manufac- tures thereof	62	116	337	421
Sewing and other cotton	596	630	2,363	2,257
Yarns—				
Cotton	940	715	3,144	3,254
Hair	91	95	390	276
Synthetic fibre	2,563	2,512	10,236	8,990
Woollen	48	42	221	207
Other	21	39	106	112
Total, Class VIII.(a)	6,373	7,266	22,882	27,160
<i>(b) Textiles—</i>				
Blankets and blanketing	71	91	282	286
Floor coverings	3,591	3,092	11,287	12,051
Articles of furnishing, drapery and napery—				
Handkerchiefs, serviettes and tablecloths	281	218	1,104	1,402
Other	135	129	517	638
Piece-goods—				
Canvas and duck	248	315	1,263	1,383
Cotton and linen	11,733	11,243	40,481	42,919
Fabrics and felts, impregnated ..	226	249	883	1,010
Jute, including hessians and brattice cloth	706	610	2,765	2,636
Synthetic fibre	4,065	4,309	14,394	15,642
Silk	248	370	789	1,066
Velvets, velveteens, &c.	325	391	1,336	1,668
Woollen	249	301	1,299	1,703
Felts	111	215	400	615
Other	275	254	1,027	1,025
Towels and towelling	323	279	1,109	1,358
Other textiles	138	115	587	607
Total, Class VIII.(b)	22,725	22,181	79,523	86,009
<i>(c) Apparel—</i>				
Buttons, including snap fasteners ..	81	93	379	347
Footwear	122	184	589	953
Garments—				
Knitted—				
Hosiery	348	200	925	1,143
Outerwear	88	174	232	733
Underwear	26	21	166	199
Other	96	24	227	96

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—continued.				
<i>(c) Apparel—continued.</i>				
Garments—continued.				
Not knitted—				
Outerwear—				
Men's and boys'	172	219	495	722
Women's and girls'	63	69	313	444
Sleeping wear, underwear, shirts and other sewn garments	31	74	142	264
Gloves	342	243	1,464	1,627
Hats and caps	219	190	973	938
Trimmings and ornaments—				
Embroidery in the piece	75	147	281	486
Lace, nets and veilings	692	737	2,747	2,896
Ribbons and galloons	110	70	450	381
Other	310	364	1,076	1,295
Other apparel	190	224	941	1,059
Total, Class VIII.(c)	2,965	3,033	11,400	13,583
Total, Class VIII.	32,063	32,480	113,805	126,752
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats, greases and waxes	332	193	877	1,190
Oils—				
Castor	32	54	267	201
Linseed	451	406	1,585	1,388
Olive	228	231	719	820
Peanut (china)	83	110	264	338
Petroleum—				
Crude	3,444	8,999	10,327	28,552
Kerosene	2,136	2,286	6,941	7,705
Lubricating (mineral)	1,158	1,275	3,436	5,511
Residual and solar	3,753	2,452	16,923	13,807
Spirit	9,240	8,336	39,938	34,046
Turpentine substitutes	232	246	802	932
Other	114	238	420	691
Tung (china wood)	67	101	289	313
Other	257	342	703	1,424
Total, Class IX.	21,527	25,269	83,491	96,918
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Colour pigments—				
Black	349	408	1,165	1,446
Titanium oxide and titanium white	349	369	1,340	1,405
Other	160	339	887	1,049
Dyes, natural and synthetic	496	512	1,633	1,750
Paints, colours and varnishes	68	48	247	250
Total, Class X.	1,422	1,676	5,272	5,900

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDRO-CARBONS.				
Abrasives (natural)	92	135	238	597
Asbestos	624	849	1,989	3,246
Sulphur	781	806	2,644	2,720
Other rocks, minerals, &c. .. .	307	416	1,075	1,671
Total, Class XI.	1,804	2,206	5,946	8,234
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—</i>				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)	712	1,249	2,733	4,164
Bolts, nuts, rivets and washers ..	155	173	586	667
Chain and chains of base metal ..	135	189	576	677
Copper and copper-base alloys (excluding wire and cable) ..	1,570	3,673	2,216	11,704
Cutlery	635	634	2,306	2,521
Fencing posts and droppers ..	229	153	503	717
Heating and cooking appliances ..	343	458	1,238	1,439
Iron and steel (including special ferro-alloys)—				
Bars, rods, hoop, ingots, &c...	976	4,074	2,418	9,708
Ferro-alloys (mainly in lump form)	186	317	491	1,053
Pig, scrap and powder	3	7	10	14
Pipes, tubes and fittings therefor	781	682	2,862	2,603
Plate and sheet—				
Galvanized	858	852	1,894	5,528
Plain	1,387	2,620	3,438	9,508
Tinned, plated, polished and decorated	3,133	3,099	8,154	14,545
Structural	463	1,052	1,218	3,348
Kitchenware	109	128	356	442
Lamps and lampware	90	139	580	649
Leaf and foil	255	337	833	968
Meters and parts	795	634	2,924	2,476
Pins, hooks, eyes, needles and slide fasteners	74	63	269	299
Tin	247	141	609	516
Tools of trade	924	1,225	3,480	4,644
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and parts	1,061	1,905	5,598	8,490
Cycles and cycle parts	173	191	694	619
Motor cycles, side-cars, &c. ..	339	400	1,325	1,616
Motor vehicles—				
Bodies and parts	3,033	3,912	9,043	12,658
Chassis and parts	13,515	17,423	43,599	58,093
Railway and tramway vehicles (including trolley buses) and parts	704	304	3,791	1,147
Other and parts	2,273	3,082	7,472	9,963

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—continued.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—continued.</i>				
Wire, single strand—				
Iron and steel	298	1,089	520	2,576
Copper and copper base alloys ..	77	32	329	146
Other	52	92	288	284
Wire manufactures—*				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloy electrical conductor ..	4	33	768	122
Iron and steel	324	681	1,345	2,162
Other	15	6	60	29
Other metals and semi-manufactures†	497	464	1,624	1,841
Other metal manufactures ..	2,748	2,559	10,103	9,481
Total, Class XII.(a)	39,173	54,072	126,253	187,417
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment—</i>				
Batteries and accumulators ..	130	108	424	410
Cable and wire, covered ..	381	501	1,893	1,847
Communication equipment including radio	592	1,118	2,433	3,868
Dynamo electrical machines—				
Electrical motors	918	825	2,910	3,125
Other	918	869	3,945	3,182
Heating and cooking appliances ..	205	520	549	1,335
Ignition equipment for internal combustion engines—				
Sparking plugs and parts ..	145	143	535	604
Other	89	112	278	320
Lamps, bulbs, tubes, &c. ..	287	394	968	1,630
Measuring and recording instruments	118	304	465	828
Protective equipment	157	211	542	752
Regulating, starting and controlling apparatus	1,302	1,631	4,473	5,035
Transformers and rectifiers ..	1,324	1,188	4,348	2,874
Other electrical machinery and appliances	686	824	2,157	2,909
Total, Class XII.(b)	7,252	8,748	25,920	28,719
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—</i>				
Air and gas compressors ..	254	331	863	1,354
Agricultural, horticultural, &c., machinery—				
Harvesting	161	309	1,245	2,541
Other	430	639	3,081	2,501
Cranes, hoists and other lifting machinery	341	233	1,543	1,038
Dairying machinery	165	147	647	709
Electrical power station machinery	364	85	1,514	266
Hand tools (power driven) ..	434	608	1,586	2,209

* For cable and wire, covered, see Class XII.(b).
 in the rough and pipes and tubes flexible or coated.

† Includes all basic shapes, castings and forgings

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—continued.				
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)</i> —continued.				
Household machines (except sewing and refrigerating)—				
Vacuum cleaners	137	122	406	650
Washing machines	359	254	1,046	1,112
Other	248	168	707	784
Metal-working machinery—				
Machine tools	1,265	1,779	4,806	5,543
Other	923	946	3,397	3,091
Motive power (including electrical) machinery—				
Aircraft engines and parts ..	1,046	1,328	4,825	5,123
Power boilers and parts ..	483	198	2,207	821
Tractors and parts	3,995	4,324	17,793	20,348
Turbines and parts	499	674	2,519	2,011
Other and parts	4,404	3,437	13,718	12,935
Office and accounting machines ..	1,305	1,700	4,512	5,835
Oil refining machinery	411	378	2,144	1,514
Printing machinery	838	751	1,888	2,235
Pumps	241	217	1,031	900
Refrigerating appliances	337	237	1,285	1,243
Roller and ball bearings	625	847	2,466	2,879
Sewing machines	982	1,082	3,001	4,074
Stone-cutting, road-making and mining machinery	1,579	2,060	5,171	7,947
Textile-working machinery and appliances—				
Knitting machines	534	341	1,578	1,241
Other	625	822	2,350	2,838
Other machines and machinery ..	3,691	3,633	12,680	14,262
Total, Class XII.(c)	26,676	27,650	100,009	108,004
Total, Class XII.	73,101	90,470	252,182	324,140
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures</i> —				
Rubber—				
Crude, waste and masticated ..	2,839	3,136	8,373	12,078
Substitutes	37	69	164	255
Rubber manufactures—				
Elastics and rubber thread ..	323	329	1,109	1,250
Tyres and tubes	467	706	1,413	2,382
Other	213	331	768	1,066
Total, Class XIII.(a)	3,879	4,571	11,827	17,031
(b) <i>Leather and Leather Manufactures</i> —				
Leather	80	125	346	395
Leather manufactures	60	141	217	399
Total, Class XIII.(b)	140	266	563	794
Total, Class XIII.	4,019	4,837	12,390	17,825

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Manufactures of wood and wicker, including plywood and veneers	328	397	1,059	1,547
Timber—				
Dressed, bent or cut into shape	233	540	1,046	2,439
Undressed (including logs)	3,035	4,063	9,540	13,274
Wicker, bamboo and cane	51	52	230	199
Total, Class XIV.	3,647	5,052	11,875	17,459
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE.				
Abrasives (synthetic)	260	215	879	927
Cement	118	249	594	942
Crockery and other householdware	1,391	1,528	4,299	5,545
Glass	889	926	3,162	3,784
Glassware	478	617	1,563	2,320
Porcelain for electrical purposes	61	109	258	301
Tiles	316	412	988	1,314
Other earthenware, china, &c.	68	134	352	384
Total, Class XV.	3,581	4,190	12,095	15,517
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper and Board—</i>				
Millboard and other boards	349	396	1,137	1,793
Paper—				
Printings—				
Newsprint	2,157	3,691	9,500	13,777
Other	1,073	1,658	3,604	5,440
Tissue and tissue cap (including cigarette)	427	570	1,546	2,201
Wrapping and bag papers	892	979	3,088	4,144
Writing and typewriting	388	621	1,452	2,116
Other	363	542	1,295	1,931
Pulp for manufacturing paper	759	887	3,410	4,492
Total, Class XVI.(a)	6,408	9,344	25,032	35,894
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery—</i>				
Books (printed), directories, &c.	1,260	1,695	5,695	6,239
Pens and pencils—				
Fountain pens and propelling pencils	294	222	1,020	1,099
Other	82	71	284	344
Other paper manufactures, stationery, &c.	588	732	2,066	2,834
Total, Class XVI.(b)	2,224	2,720	9,065	10,516
Total, Class XVI.	8,632	12,064	34,097	46,410

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIME-PIECES.				
Fancy goods	314	359	1,075	1,635
Jewellery, including imitation jewellery ..	368	318	1,179	1,627
Precious stones, unset	392	320	1,094	1,090
Sporting material	108	166	392	621
Timepieces—				
Clocks and clock movements	348	407	891	1,439
Watches and watch movements	400	357	1,560	1,861
Toys	378	476	1,497	2,169
Total, Class XVII.	2,308	2,403	7,688	10,442
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Cameras and magic lanterns and accessories therefor	319	513	1,021	1,852
Cinematographs	132	203	386	697
Films for cinematographs	413	496	1,663	1,860
Photographic goods	137	174	481	592
Instruments and materials—				
Optical and ophthalmic	392	273	1,102	1,259
Surgical and dental	479	699	1,862	2,365
Other scientific instruments and appliances	530	533	2,007	2,216
Total, Class XVIII.	2,402	2,891	8,522	10,841
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	176	326	497	1,387
Alcohols and spirits	(a)	249	(a)	835
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Antibiotics	(a)	322	(a)	1,598
Vitamin and vitamin preparations	(a)	130	(a)	492
Other	(a)	1,526	(a)	5,498
Essential oils	116	190	425	618
Fertilizers—				
Potash salts	945	90	3,405	488
Rock phosphates		601		2,159
Other		35		1,035
Perfumery and toilet preparations	119	197	442	720
Soap and soap substitutes	89	160	385	545
Sodium cyanide	(a)	90	(a)	231
Tetraethyl lead	(a)	230	(a)	814
Inorganic compounds, n.e.i.	(a)	1,194	(a)	3,982
Organic compounds, n.e.i.	(a)	2,041	(a)	6,635
Chemical materials and products, n.e.i. ..	(a)	225	(a)	904
Total, Class XIX.	5,381	7,606	19,606	27,941

(a) Not available separately.

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Antiques, paintings, works of art ..	74	115	239	491
Arms, ammunition and explosives ..	487	495	1,284	2,744
Bags, baskets, purses, wallets, &c. ..	167	195	581	895
Brushware	84	80	288	361
Military, Naval and Air Force, stores and equipment	551	4,707	3,410	6,719
Musical instruments and parts—				
Gramophones, &c., including records ..	220	382	1,079	1,119
Other	151	201	459	707
Outside packages	3,486	4,017	12,918	15,321
Packings for engines, boilers, &c. ..	244	381	932	1,420
Passengers' effects	517	672	2,503	2,709
Piece-goods manufactured from synthetic resins	122	116	401	435
Prefabricated buildings	518	57	4,476	880
Plastic materials	1,189	1,300	4,984	5,850
Vessels (ships)	353	73	1,823	2,325
Wall and ceiling boards, parts and decorations	145	202	460	888
All other articles	547	957	1,845	2,894
Total, Class XX.	8,855	13,950	37,682	45,758
Total, Merchandise	188,279	226,986	678,590	840,972
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER ; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold, including gold in matte	919	1,149	2,960	2,724
Silver, including silver in matte	12	15	59	46
Total, Class XXI.	931	1,164	3,019	2,770
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	79,739	97,684	280,537	346,096
Victoria	65,186	77,334	237,683	297,494
Queensland	14,157	18,099	55,631	68,883
South Australia	14,421	15,852	51,472	64,804
Western Australia	12,211	14,195	42,595	50,648
Tasmania	3,279	4,796	13,049	15,129
Northern Territory	217	190	642	688
GRAND TOTAL	189,210	228,150	681,609	843,742

VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

EXPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	4,169	6,772	16,053	24,589
Cheese	903	781	5,330	5,058
Eggs	607	293	8,650	5,997
Fish, fresh or preserved by cold process ..	764	635	1,569	1,760
Ghee	117	109	508	396
Honey	183	503	634	1,040
Infants' and invalids' foods	301	372	1,738	1,416
Margarine	18	9	76	64
Meats—				
Bacon and hams	109	41	619	355
Potted or concentrated, including meat extracts	205	240	858	906
Preserved by cold process—				
Beef and veal	4,254	4,385	22,046	21,899
Lamb	249	453	3,297	10,191
Mutton	314	357	1,964	1,626
Offals	425	526	1,795	2,568
Pork	124	78	463	781
Poultry	123	73	676	548
Rabbit and hare	523	451	2,380	1,478
Preserved in airtight containers ..	6,346	4,654	21,847	20,550
Sausage casings	351	475	1,420	1,905
Other	121	93	445	673
Milk and cream—				
Preserved, condensed, concentrated ..	1,072	1,029	5,176	3,869
Dried, including malted	778	925	4,501	4,467
Other foodstuffs of animal origin ..	122	96	639	409
Total, Class I.	22,178	23,350	102,684	112,545
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Biscuits, cakes and puddings	95	77	403	365
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate ..	61	164	344	406
Foods for animals	191	241	1,298	587
Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes ..	287	204	1,119	757
Fruit—				
Dried—				
Currants	506	356	1,039	918
Raisins	2,316	2,285	5,561	6,720
Other	376	146	795	804
Fresh—				
Apples	4,915	4,625	6,088	5,444
Citrus	92	107	809	784
Other	1,645	1,800	2,394	2,308
Frozen .. .. .	..	..	93	..
Preserved in airtight containers ..	5,837	6,611	14,186	15,322
Pulped	927	77	1,441	297

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES —continued.				
Grain and pulse—				
Prepared—				
Breakfast foods	59	135	502	491
Flour (wheaten)—				
Plain white	6,586	5,517	29,682	20,307
Other	256	173	920	883
Rice	419	452	3,192	1,986
Other	243	324	1,089	1,092
Unprepared—				
Barley	5,095	2,304	14,870	10,357
Maize .. ..	..	142	353	301
Oats	325	582	1,219	1,375
Peas (not split)	215	90	695	486
Sorghum	11	279	876	850
Wheat	5,323	11,221	30,957	45,222
Other	187	279	554	874
Jams and fruit jellies	110	63	372	363
Soups	175	86	642	429
Sugar (cane)	2,062	4,758	31,592	31,149
Tea	81	52	216	327
Vegetables—				
Preserved in liquid or pulped	120	60	588	284
Other	152	105	526	411
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin	156	212	523	701
Total, Class II.	38,823	43,527	154,938	152,600
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, cider, &c.	195	159	455	551
Spirits (beverages)	88	80	299	347
Wine	290	253	903	818
Total, Class III.	573	492	1,657	1,716
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes, cigars and snuff	10	37	78	124
Tobacco	52	57	204	224
Total, Class IV.	62	94	282	348
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	29	91	95	346
Horses	31	66	184	251
Sheep	68	93	304	340
Other live animals	42	30	117	94
Total, Class V.	170	280	700	1,031

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued*.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD-STUFFS.				
Hides and skins—				
Calf, cattle and horse	293	487	1,562	2,011
Kangaroo and wallaby	7	46	202	281
Opossum .. ..	..	9	104	42
Rabbit and hare	72	305	849	1,102
Sheep and lamb	4,398	3,542	16,439	15,941
Other (including sheepskin and lamb-skin pieces)	66	85	285	332
Pearl-shell	77	80	654	690
Trochus-shell	154	119	592	579
Wool—				
Greasy	72,470	79,299	364,988	310,904
Scoured and washed, sliped, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	11,366	11,085	45,446	42,205
Other animal substances	99	103	499	603
Total, Class VI.	89,002	95,160	431,620	374,690
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Seeds	109	472	511	1,316
Tanning substances	172	31	550	351
Other vegetable substances	59	32	219	164
Total, Class VII.	340	535	1,280	1,831
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
(a) <i>Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—</i>				
Yarns—				
Woollen	19	9	123	160
Other	78	66	153	228
Other manufactured fibres	41	31	168	124
Total, Class VIII.(a)	138	106	444	512
(b) <i>Textiles—</i>				
Blankets and blanketing	6	3	22	12
Piece-goods—				
Cotton	41	39	181	146
Wholly or chiefly of rayon or other synthetic fibres	48	105	148	361
Woollen	25	25	171	107
Other	24	38	65	90
Other textiles	235	356	765	1,091
Total, Class VIII.(b)	379	566	1,352	1,807

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—continued.				
(c) <i>Apparel—</i>				
Footwear	18	16	81	70
Outerwear	44	27	115	141
Underwear and sleeping attire	22	11	73	77
Other apparel	92	25	203	151
Total, Class VIII.(c)	176	79	472	439
Total, Class VIII.	693	751	2,268	2,758
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and waxes, &c.—				
Edible animal fats, excluding tallow	19	38	85	166
Fatty acids	38	38	230	123
Tallow, edible and inedible	509	405	2,791	1,772
Other	56	50	170	169
Oils—				
Petroleum and shale oils	196	1,706	672	2,606
Other	53	139	1,741	1,753
Total, Class IX.	871	2,376	5,689	6,589
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Lead oxides	87	60	271	227
Paints and enamels prepared for use	71	137	293	436
Other pigments, paints and varnishes	63	41	363	259
Total, Class X	221	238	927	922
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDRO-CARBONS.				
Asbestos, crude and fibre	72	133	376	336
Asphalt, tar and pitch	37	62	245	326
Coal	299	212	1,529	1,148
Coke	56	77	240	180
Ores and concentrates, including residues and wastes—				
Lead and silver-lead	1,268	939	4,270	4,054
Titanium and zirconium	342	742	1,645	2,896
Tungsten	866	844	2,953	3,065
Zinc	830	449	3,411	2,844
Other	233	677	1,257	1,834
Other stones and minerals	99	84	310	369
Total, Class XI.	4,102	4,219	16,236	17,052

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—</i>				
Metals and semi-manufactures—				
Cadmium	70	47	460	240
Copper	706	480	4,293	1,818
Copper-base alloys	198	187	842	604
Iron and steel	1,844	1,717	13,425	6,521
Lead—				
Bullion and silver-lead bullion	1,221	945	4,393	5,977
Pig	3,661	3,964	18,550	17,182
Other	284	232	1,104	1,522
Zinc	1,348	766	4,127	3,962
Other metals and semi-manufactures of metal	311	85	1,258	439
Metal manufactures—				
Builders' and engineering hardware	106	56	472	237
Tools of trade	184	36	430	167
Vehicles and parts	890	1,031	2,883	3,419
Other metal manufactures	770	1,008	2,977	3,675
Total, Class XII.(a)	11,593	10,554	55,214	45,763
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances and Equipment—</i>				
Batteries and accumulators	141	123	432	453
Communication equipment	168	119	554	694
Other electrical appliances	240	338	974	1,179
Total, Class XII.(b)	549	580	1,960	2,326
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—</i>				
Aircraft engines and parts	362	118	1,101	1,185
Agricultural, horticultural &c. machinery	389	453	1,367	1,454
Mining and metallurgical machinery and appliances	113	112	662	496
Motive power machinery	322	1,483	1,228	2,267
Refrigerating appliances	110	96	415	418
Other machines and machinery	1,170	1,610	4,181	5,199
Total, Class XII.(c)	2,466	3,872	8,954	11,019
Total, Class XII.	14,608	15,006	66,128	59,108

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures</i> ..	182	215	578	795
(b) <i>Leather and Leather Manufactures—</i>				
Leather—				
Hide leathers—				
Sole	155	186	770	655
Other	277	275	1,292	1,313
Sheep and lamb	45	40	244	181
Other	34	28	241	116
Leather manufactures	50	40	124	136
Total, Class XIII.(b)	561	569	2,671	2,401
Total, Class XIII.	743	784	3,249	3,196
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Sleepers, railway	74	34	921	309
Timber	411	400	2,032	1,614
Wood and wicker manufactures	91	104	330	393
Total, Class XIV.	576	538	3,283	2,316
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE ..	338	321	1,008	1,161
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper and Board</i>	94	83	307	413
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery—</i>				
Books (printed), periodicals, newspapers, &c.	360	319	1,270	1,320
Paper manufactures and stationery	173	153	592	827
Total, Class XVI.(b)	533	472	1,862	2,147
Total, Class XVI.	627	555	2,169	2,560
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIME-PIECES.				
Precious stones, unset—pearls, &c.	32	35	167	161
Sporting goods	49	60	200	246
Other	51	29	191	163
Total, Class XVII.	132	124	558	570
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Films for cinematographs, &c.	110	83	349	318
Photographic goods and materials	97	146	482	521
Other optical, surgical and scientific instruments and materials	227	126	761	414
Total, Class XVIII.	434	355	1,592	1,253

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued*.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	(a)	11	(a)	78
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Acetylsalicylic acid	(a)	27	(a)	150
Other	(a)	320	(a)	1,294
Eucalyptus oil	32	39	164	155
Perfumery and toilet preparations ..	60	43	194	189
Soap	65	53	282	257
Other chemicals, elements and compounds—				
Organic	(a)	209	(a)	919
Inorganic	(a)	172	(a)	762
Miscellaneous chemical preparations (including fertilizers)	(a)	159	(a)	701
Total, Class XIX.	1,054	1,033	3,999	4,505
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, ammunition and explosives ..	181	45	1,020	166
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	854	522	3,320	1,971
Plastic materials	143	111	436	598
Vessels (ships) transferred abroad ..	140	123	421	432
All other articles	1,335	2,412	6,402	8,123
Total, Class XX.	2,653	3,213	11,599	11,290
Total, Merchandise	178,200	192,951	811,866	758,041
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Bronze specie .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Gold, including gold in matte	2,965	3,707	13,769	13,718
Silver, including silver in matte	721	460	2,696	2,404
Total, Class XXI.	3,686	4,167	16,466	16,123
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	59,527	55,357	263,175	220,657
Victoria	48,519	58,641	203,581	216,572
Queensland	31,010	39,379	165,105	154,483
South Australia	21,886	19,493	110,249	95,079
Western Australia	13,632	17,079	68,459	68,507
Tasmania	7,309	7,106	17,733	18,762
Northern Territory	3	63	30	104
Australian Produce	179,402	195,109	820,057	765,883
Re-exports	2,284	2,009	8,275	8,281
GRAND TOTAL	181,886	197,118	828,332	774,164

(a) Not available separately.

TOTAL QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
		1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.					
Butter.. .. .	'000 lb.	22,955	38,814	88,035	140,017
Cheese.. .. .	"	8,728	7,323	50,966	49,544
Processed milk—					
Condensed	"	12,200	11,373	60,728	44,552
Dried	"	9,695	10,033	56,482	55,457
Infants' and invalids' foods ..	"	1,377	1,966	9,473	7,957
Eggs—					
In shell	'000 doz.	806	1,354	12,902	20,266
Not in shell	'000 lb.	170	1,152	37,147	22,468
Meats, poultry and game—					
Bacon and hams	cwt.	3,399	1,924	24,801	14,958
Preserved by cold process—					
Beef and veal	'000 cwt.	502	492	2,830	2,468
Lamb	cwt.	27,247	52,283	393,766	848,050
Mutton	"	80,022	66,224	496,336	301,888
Pork	"	6,498	5,010	24,687	58,167
Poultry	'000 prs.	73	60	308	263
Rabbits and hares	"	1,851	1,522	8,439	5,002
Preserved in airtight vessels ..	cwt.	358,304	271,785	1,306,671	1,259,954
Sausage casings	cwt.	6,669	..	28,808	6,930
	bundles.	..	a 544,559	..	1,919,564
					(a)
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.					
Fruits—					
Dried—					
Currants	'000 lb.	12,197	6,922	24,031	18,755
Raisins	"	49,911	45,974	115,792	134,252
Tree fruits	"	2,946	1,024	6,556	6,566
Fresh—					
Apples	'000 bus.	3,890	3,629	4,728	4,265
Citrus	"	60	71	553	525
Other	"	909	1,103	1,283	1,494
Preserved in airtight containers ..	'000 lb.	79,052	95,570	199,242	215,843
Pulped	"	4,893	1,323	13,005	5,130
Grain or cereals—					
Prepared—					
Barley—pearl and scotch	"	252	19	453	239
Flour, (Wheaten) Plain White..	"	385,862	358,848	1,522,537	1,311,365
Oatmeal and rolled oats	"	1,196	6,289	18,991	18,391
Rice	cwt.	109,847	108,449	709,167	607,932
Unprepared—					
Barley	ton	244,845	86,205	601,536	421,174
Oats	"	17,613	20,314	58,490	51,288
Wheat	"	186,282	404,842	965,838	1,691,064
Jams and fruit jellies	'000 lb.	1,990	1,129	6,315	6,853
Sugar (cane)	ton	42,608	109,724	706,801	737,184
Vegetables—preserved or pulped ..	'000 lb.	2,152	892	9,101	3,952

(a) From 1st October, 1954.

Total Quantities of Principal Commodities Exported from Australia—*continued*.

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
		1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.					
Wine	'000 gal.	438	388	1,395	1,264
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and skins—					
Calf, cattle and horse ..	'000 lb.	4,256	9,820	21,134	36,120
Kangaroo and wallaby ..	„	35	141	624	766
Rabbit and hare	„	503	791	4,325	4,586
Sheep and Lamb	'000	4,444	1,516	16,130	14,841
Wool—					
Greasy	'000 lb.	203,694	247,354	990,023	959,040
Scoured and washed, slipe, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	„	26,280	27,011	96,436	101,555
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.					
Tallow, edible and inedible ..	ton	12,172	5,013	48,918	20,777
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.					
Coal	ton	38,515	47,543	385,812	291,226
Ores and concentrates—					
Lead and silver-lead	„	15,995	10,574	72,390	59,063
Zinc	„	70,570	20,421	266,395	200,670
CLASS XII.—METALS.					
Lead—					
Pig	ton	32,665	31,246	170,207	140,256
Bullion	„	14,197	7,181	39,124	40,818
Zinc, bars, blocks, &c. ..	„	13,104	7,058	42,150	37,021

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.				Fruits.		
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef and Veal.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.(a)	Pork.(a)	Dried.		Pre-served in air-tight containers.
							Vine.	Tree.	

QUANTITY.

		'000 lb.	'000 lb.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
1938-39	..	229,543	35,921	15,527	2,428,248	1,665,076	274,254	164,213	3,915	81,279
1951-52	..	25,417	40,316	45,328	856,035	278,150	34,802	84,386	13,701	110,348
1952-53	..	110,428	53,006	30,293	1,718,751	1,489,679	30,831	155,172	6,709	143,261
1953-54	..	88,030	50,959	24,799	2,330,156	890,102	24,687	139,822	6,481	199,220
1954-55	..	140,017	49,543	14,958	2,467,837	1,149,938	58,167	153,000	6,437	215,795

VALUE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

		12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882	2,747	118	1,267
1938-39	..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882	2,747	118	1,267
1951-52	..	4,593	4,064	934	5,230	1,918	485	4,608	1,053	6,500
1952-53	..	20,075	5,851	720	13,782	8,761	472	7,448	581	9,298
1953-54	..	16,052	5,329	619	22,046	5,261	463	6,600	793	14,184
1954-55	..	24,589	5,057	355	21,899	11,817	781	7,637	799	15,245

(a) Preserved by cold process.

Year.	Wheat.	Flour.	Barley (Unprepared).	Sugar (Cane).	Wool.		Sheep and Lamb-skins.	Lead (Fig).
					Greasy.	Scoured. (a)		

QUANTITY.

		tons.	'000 lb.	tons.	tons.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	tons.
1938-39	..	1,690,974	1,450,130	58,441	443,014	793,384	70,881	84,359	204,495
1951-52	..	1,685,382	1,578,033	269,232	167,431	823,963	97,775	70,833	106,816
1952-53	..	1,593,963	1,739,240	496,403	459,354	981,493	107,533	110,171	141,999
1953-54	..	965,838	1,522,536	601,536	706,796	990,023	96,418	94,522	170,207
1954-55	..	1,691,063	1,811,238	421,174	737,150	959,033	101,552	100,229	140,256

VALUE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

		8,735	4,540	342	4,178	37,305	5,324	2,370	4,267
1938-39	..	8,735	4,540	342	4,178	37,305	5,324	2,370	4,267
1951-52	..	55,287	33,018	11,154	6,896	278,481	44,948	13,672	20,720
1952-53	..	51,970	37,417	19,245	21,654	356,223	46,681	17,332	17,168
1953-54	..	30,957	29,682	14,870	31,592	384,988	45,443	16,439	18,550
1954-55	..	45,222	20,305	10,357	31,146	310,992	42,204	15,935	17,182

(a) Includes scoured and washed, carbonized, tops, noils, waste and slipe.

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Year ended June.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	BUTTER.				CHEESE.			
United Kingdom ..	65,082	11,295	122,047	20,768	40,175	3,691	40,539	3,666
Australian Territories ..	457	94	506	103	133	22	110	18
Ceylon ..	1,956	378	1,936	377	374	62	334	52
Guiana (British) ..	313	65	426	87	16	3	17	3
Hong Kong ..	2,021	395	1,548	307	361	48	435	56
India ..	632	147	486	109	566	98	847	144
Malaya, Fed. of ..	818	195	1,189	273	97	16	130	20
Malta ..	865	151	631	117	564	68	70	8
Mauritius ..	429	107	575	140	140	24	166	28
Singapore ..	2,605	513	3,041	614	648	87	687	103
West Africa ..	272	65	297	69	258	44	202	34
West Indies—								
Barbados ..	279	55	125	25	19	3	13	2
Trinidad and Tobago ..	656	129	539	109	36	6	46	7
Windward Is. ..	105	24	102	23	23	4	19	3
Other ..	83	20	152	35	166	25	137	22
Other British Countries ..	1,305	297	1,095	248	632	116	527	94
Arabian States ..	449	107	636	149	778	143	950	171
Burma ..	427	108	313	78	55	11	54	11
Egypt ..	1,072	214	943	185	1,518	177	716	77
France ..	5	1	26	5	..	..	..	..
French Possessions—								
New Caledonia ..	314	66	386	78	131	24	131	23
Other ..	144	36	372	85	11	2	9	2
Israel ..	2	..	..	..	269	37	..	..
Italy ..	..	..	72	14	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	1,781	358	520	103	1,555	214	978	125
Lebanon ..	49	10	73	14	205	35	33	5
Netherlands Antilles ..	301	76	312	74	4	1	6	1
Philippines ..	360	84	643	155	1,591	259	1,496	240
U.S.S.R. ..	4,480	875	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	768	187	1,026	240	634	109	891	142
New South Wales ..	2,031	409	2,558	478	345	58	301	47
Victoria ..	38,480	6,986	80,297	13,643	37,858	4,091	31,579	3,361
Queensland ..	41,944	7,697	47,797	8,848	3,572	409	5,283	540
South Australia ..	1,295	199	2,229	379	9,183	771	12,379	1,109
Western Australia ..	130	22	117	21	1	..	1	..
Tasmania ..	4,150	739	7,019	1,220	..	..	..	..
Total ..	88,030	16,052	140,017	24,589	50,959	5,329	49,543	5,057
	cwt.	£A'000.	cwt.	£A'000.	cwt.	£A'000.	cwt.	£A'000.
Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	BACON AND HAMS.				BEEF AND VEAL. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
United Kingdom ..	..	..	..	..	2,421,588	18,016	1,962,786	16,708
Bermuda ..	89	3	..	..	8,768	146	13,355	237
Ceylon ..	1,538	37	879	20	3,842	40	2,345	24
Hong Kong ..	2,494	67	948	23	52,771	424	40,872	371
Malta ..	..	..	134	3	19,003	175	19,942	190
Singapore ..	11,549	278	7,468	162	64,141	597	81,262	799
West Indies (British) ..	427	12	598	18	15,918	188	12,043	143
Other British Countries ..	2,732	76	2,145	59	44,295	530	48,995	571
Arabian States—								
Saudi Arabia ..	54	2	111	3	5,857	120	11,101	259
Other ..	1,223	34	546	14	5,009	85	5,833	108
Belgium ..	..	..	..	..	16,313	156	27,494	255
Egypt ..	3,509	81	1,532	37	80,771	661	71,821	637
United States of America ..	..	..	4	..	9,800	101	5,994	64
Other Foreign Countries	1,184	29	593	16	82,080	801	163,994	1,533
New South Wales ..	5,705	135	3,284	83	412,081	3,252	196,365	2,085
Victoria ..	427	11	367	9	79,367	661	97,008	972
Queensland ..	8,911	239	6,000	152	2,196,581	17,117	2,036,416	17,786
South Australia ..	1,535	42	692	16	19,581	126	1,578	13
Western Australia ..	8,221	192	4,615	95	122,546	890	133,259	1,016
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,211	27
Total ..	24,799	619	14,958	355	2,830,156	22,046	2,467,837	21,899

NOTE.—Values in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Year ended June.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	cwt.	£A'000.	cwt.	£A'000.	cwt.	£A'000.	cwt.	£A'000.
	MUTTON AND LAMB. (Preserved by Cold Process.)				PORK. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	671,645	3,787	954,908	10,224	1,831	26	37,800	446
Australian Territories ..	5,168	63	5,881	76	2,316	45	1,993	38
Canada ..	19,634	163	27,645	261	640	16	1,170	19
Ceylon ..	4,025	38	3,538	28	2	..	10	..
Hong Kong ..	6,879	58	6,356	70	2,227	36	1,460	21
Singapore ..	44,662	304	29,533	249	6,700	125	6,521	94
Other British Countries	21,715	167	29,879	247	2,080	50	2,679	48
Arabian States ..	6,111	72	10,151	131	1,239	31	1,947	45
Belgium(a) ..	17,520	73	9,137	42	..	..	487	5
Egypt ..	15,445	86	11,973	81	2,206	40	2,108	34
U.S.S.R. ..	40,261	177	..	..	..	..	..	..
United States of America	11,875	92	12,144	139	..	80	6	..
Other Foreign Countries	25,162	181	48,793	269	5,366	93	1,986	31
New South Wales ..	215,562	1,176	93,550	789	3,607	75	5,132	81
Victoria ..	421,981	2,618	719,949	7,345	2,482	54	7,636	113
Queensland ..	1,928	10	795	7	16,616	295	29,822	394
South Australia ..	187,481	1,032	257,146	2,840	80	3	17	..
Western Australia ..	61,758	412	61,009	641	1,902	36	15,113	185
Tasmania ..	1,392	13	17,489	195	..	..	447	8
Total ..	890,102	5,261	1,149,938	11,817	24,687	463	58,167	781
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	DRIED VINE FRUITS—CURRANTS.				DRIED VINE FRUITS—RAISINS (including Sultanas and Lexias).			
United Kingdom ..	17,360	686	11,501	541	82,729	3,764	89,529	4,588
Canada ..	4,359	222	4,366	220	22,488	1,119	32,058	1,377
New Zealand ..	1,326	72	1,780	94	8,524	539	10,127	597
Singapore ..	88	7	87	7	152	14	153	14
Other British Countries	716	41	664	37	1,441	90	2,055	120
Egypt ..	158	10	58	4	324	25	121	10
Other Foreign Countries	23	1	292	14	134	10	209	14
New South Wales ..	2	..	3	..	30	2	39	6
Victoria ..	10,930	462	6,756	359	92,809	4,340	106,394	5,374
Queensland ..	3	..	1	..	9	1	6	1
South Australia ..	9,273	408	9,233	432	22,891	1,214	27,796	1,337
Western Australia ..	3,822	169	2,754	126	53	4	17	2
Tasmania ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	24,030	1,039	18,748	917	115,792	5,561	134,252	6,720

(a) Includes Luxemburg prior to 1954-55.

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Year ended June.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	DRIED TREE FRUITS.				FRUITS PRESERVED IN AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS.			
United Kingdom ..	2,444	262	1,883	211	171,156	12,174	190,084	13,358
Canada ..	811	102	294	48	3,105	235	5,406	393
Ireland, Republic of ..	..	..	..	..	3,065	229	..	..
New Zealand ..	1,669	228	1,676	231	10,814	773	12,506	929
Singapore ..	164	24	220	36	604	41	610	37
Other British Countries	448	57	419	51	4,020	293	3,400	257
Egypt ..	464	63	43	5	1,402	94	818	58
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	179	23	843	113	1,097	71	129	10
Other Foreign Countries	302	34	1,059	104	3,957	274	2,842	203
New South Wales ..	2,807	315	1,540	152	21,966	1,465	23,418	1,632
Victoria ..	471	55	245	32	111,596	7,515	141,213	9,800
Queensland ..	6	1	6	1	36,859	3,248	39,744	3,005
South Australia ..	2,176	292	3,707	487	28,016	1,909	10,273	728
Western Australia ..	..	..	5	1	92	7	5	1
Tasmania ..	1,021	130	934	126	691	40	1,142	79
Total ..	6,481	793	6,437	799	199,220	14,184	215,795	15,245
	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WHEAT.				FLOUR.			
United Kingdom ..	308,582	9,574	512,524	13,718	131,318	2,442	161,664	2,261
Aden ..	..	..	313	9	33,890	609	47,461	673
Australian Territories ..	127	5	180	6	9,824	189	12,025	195
Borneo (British) ..	18	1	50	1	16,274	338	16,198	271
Ceylon ..	119	4	9,711	313	444,958	8,346	224,932	3,363
Cyprus ..	18,903	596	18,397	503	..	..	38	1
East Africa (British) ..	600	20	147	4	4,833	97	16,472	239
Hong Kong ..	507	19	17,024	477	20,147	401	15,472	239
India ..	188,510	5,758	466,508	12,316	39,761	765	91	2
Ireland, Republic of ..	17,480	554	52,545	1,387	..	..	..	..
Malaya, Fed. of ..	7,810	278	14,324	366	141,397	2,857	174,410	2,941
Mauritius ..	27	1	37	1	64,382	1,215	40,203	593
New Zealand ..	207,658	6,708	213,726	5,710	118	2	74	1
Pacific Islands—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fiji ..	44	1	..	..	20,240	400	21,508	350
Other ..	88	3	54	2	7,945	149	8,199	138
Pakistan ..	34,134	1,479	47	2	136	3	250	3
Rhodesia, Northern ..	14,534	505	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rhodesia, Southern ..	46,412	1,622	19,297	538	..	..	..	..
Singapore ..	3,601	128	35,398	990	128,624	2,560	155,288	2,510
Sudan, Anglo-Egyptian ..	..	..	5,254	155	10,883	186	41,160	607
Other British Countries	379	13	7,700	210	5,184	102	11,058	174
Arabian States ..	3,061	105	3,337	94	12,771	242	16,328	227
Burma ..	3,184	119	2,360	70	45,153	909	55,937	915
Egypt ..	..	..	70	2	39,175	717	19,660	297
French Dependencies ..	387	15	657	19	26,557	556	21,215	346
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	50,579	1,605	136,190	3,668	..	..	..	..
Indonesia ..	17	1	25	1	266,812	5,558	191,019	2,978
Italy ..	9,566	324	..	..	980	21	1,154	18
Japan ..	6,073	177	54,624	1,421	5,361	98	2,093	36
Korea ..	..	..	..	..	17,448	351	..	..
Netherlands ..	17,739	514	48,001	1,281	..	..	..	..
Portuguese Possessions—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
India ..	2,814	89	713	22	4,296	80	1,557	24
Mozambique ..	6,788	233	10,516	292	191	4	264	5
Other ..	..	..	..	..	814	16	1,589	25
Sweden ..	15,931	500	..	..	..	..	..	..
Thailand ..	135	5	206	7	19,188	396	27,422	474
Other Foreign Countries	31	1	61,128	1,637	3,876	73	26,497	399
New South Wales ..	211,710	6,513	194,443	5,288	522,173	10,186	458,253	7,183
Victoria ..	191,822	5,919	564,253	15,201	516,514	10,040	441,726	6,873
Queensland ..	34,112	1,077	40,386	1,097	10,509	206	34,952	540
South Australia ..	345,783	11,820	374,293	9,904	179,319	3,425	137,068	2,124
Western Australia ..	182,411	5,628	517,688	13,732	294,021	5,825	239,239	3,585
Total ..	965,838	30,957	1,691,063	45,222	1,522,536	29,632	1,311,238	20,305

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued*.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Year ended June.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.
	Barley (Unprepared).				Sugar (Cane).			
United Kingdom ..	176,066	3,904	91,349	2,322	534,749	23,751	435,017	18,962
Australia Territories—								
New Guinea ..	..	..	..	..	1,635	87	1,474	80
Canada ..	..	..	..	..	101,476	4,475	89,797	3,408
Ceylon ..	11	..	27	1	6,723	251	9,519	323
Hong Kong ..	409	9	1,311	31	9,367	422	39,960	1,478
Ireland, Rep. of ..	..	..	13,472	299	..	..	..	..
Malaya, Fed. of ..	63	1	9	..	..	..	8,550	315
New Zealand ..	23	1	..	..	45,944	2,211	58,389	2,592
Singapore ..	11	..	13	1	1	..	7,500	282
Other British Countries	1,382	33	2	..	4,683	257	3,680	214
Belgium(a) ..	37,680	788	77,149	1,731	..	..	..	..
French Possessions—New								
Caledonia ..	..	..	..	..	1,494	88	1,713	99
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	25,539	491	47,998	1,024	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	10,827	389	2,895	90	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	233,682	6,256	121,699	3,423	..	..	80,920	3,349
Korea ..	35,197	1,382	..	..	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	43,087	862	63,299	1,382	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	37,559	754	1,951	53	724	50	631	44
Total ..	601,536	14,870	421,174	10,357	706,796	31,592	737,150	31,146
New South Wales ..	..	..	1,671	51	7,139	396	5,925	346
Victoria ..	92,559	2,133	41,417	1,163	415	26	403	23
Queensland ..	3,508	67	23,600	605	699,206	31,168	730,791	30,575
South Australia ..	484,539	12,232	328,885	7,897	..	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	20,930	438	25,596	641	36	2	31	2
Tasmania ..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	601,536	14,870	421,174	10,357	706,796	31,592	737,150	31,146

(a) Includes Luxemburg prior to 1954-55.

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Year ended June.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WOOL—GREASY.				WOOL—SCOURED AND WASHED, SLIPE, CARBONIZED, TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.			
United Kingdom ..	286,510	104,758	296,912	96,084	28,998	12,958	30,257	11,830
Canada ..	1,169	411	1,769	571	4,201	1,926	4,183	1,763
Hong Kong ..	..	..	28	13	336	281	466	315
India ..	1,016	283	993	323	829	490	1,409	790
Ireland, Republic of ..	3,233	1,280	4,313	1,510	102	48	113	49
New Zealand ..	159	71	426	171	487	353	478	290
South Africa, Union of ..	4,088	1,333	2,305	598	760	324	515	211
Other British Countries	7	2	139	51	208	100	384	185
Austria ..	1,789	728	2,502	902	13	5	11	4
Belgium(a) ..	87,814	24,722	90,030	23,545	6,698	2,800	5,581	2,075
China ..	104	73	..	4	2,896	2,098	4,492	2,658
Czechoslovakia ..	8,499	3,777	13,670	5,053	..	..	..	..
Denmark ..	195	92	..	..	1,157	480	1,108	451
Egypt ..	27	7	..	..	653	484	134	98
France ..	162,536	54,789	159,508	47,863	7,942	3,659	6,279	2,611
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	52,974	19,287	64,580	20,453	5,803	2,649	6,264	2,473
Greece ..	12	7	89	39	887	447	1,102	495
Italy ..	114,354	44,077	89,370	20,235	8,128	3,246	6,046	2,144
Japan ..	95,121	38,381	124,718	44,594	8,817	5,303	3,014	1,482
Mexico ..	7,201	2,972	10,147	3,817	469	217	688	329
Netherlands ..	4,027	1,493	2,816	968	1,181	526	1,330	511
Norway ..	..	..	..	..	76	40	82	41
Poland ..	17,589	7,249	16,137	6,181	4	3	83	35
Portugal ..	2,678	1,157	2,397	902	164	87	315	149
Spain ..	151	63	2,034	711	25	7	278	133
Sweden ..	1,417	528	2,492	802	1,101	474	1,123	471
Switzerland ..	5,244	1,815	6,218	1,909	393	183	300	138
Turkey ..	9,484	3,823	2,775	1,072	882	485	173	99
U.S.S.R. ..	56,545	25,089	425	153	..	..	..	..
United States of America	62,889	25,448	58,670	21,101	11,461	4,791	21,988	8,700
Yugoslavia ..	1,960	745	879	322	75	35	80	14
Other Foreign Countries	1,231	528	2,694	955	1,672	944	3,376	1,660
Total ..	990,023	364,988	959,040	310,902	96,418	45,443	101,552	42,294
New South Wales ..	369,986	136,633	342,732	110,051	26,748	12,535	29,541	11,620
Victoria ..	236,716	87,936	251,970	84,101	34,074	14,433	32,748	12,723
Queensland ..	171,408	66,175	155,245	52,106	10,419	5,458	11,722	5,038
South Australia ..	101,919	34,760	99,637	30,232	8,072	3,779	8,373	3,435
Western Australia	96,574	34,398	93,567	28,834	12,105	5,529	13,240	5,615
Tasmania ..	13,420	5,086	15,882	5,578	30	9	18	5
Total ..	990,023	364,988	959,033	310,902	(b)91,448	(b)41,743	(b)95,642	(b)38,436

(a) Includes Luxemburg prior to 1954-55.
not available for publication.

(b) Excludes exports of wool tops. State details

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Year ended June.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.
	SHEEP AND LAMB SKINS.				LEAD (Pig).			
United Kingdom ..	12,637	2,247	14,077	2,131	108,137	11,692	77,398	9,495
New Zealand ..	9	1	..	..	5,280	598	4,678	607
South Africa ..	..	..	..	..	1,349	145	1,648	209
Other British Countries	14	2	246	32	139	16	53	7
Belgium(a) ..	2,534	544	2,111	372	719	79	..	..
France ..	67,617	11,691	76,366	12,474	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	4,555	934	2,224	441	1,769	193	73	8
Netherlands ..	1,342	214	1,447	136	14	1	..	..
United States of America	5,070	685	2,475	177	52,425	5,779	55,582	6,751
Other Foreign Countries	744	121	1,283	172	375	47	824	105
Total ..	94,522	16,439	100,229	15,935	170,207	18,550	140,256	17,182
New South Wales ..	29,106	5,116	27,998	4,590	2,083	221	1,432	188
Victoria ..	38,813	6,652	43,443	6,702	882	90	444	53
Queensland ..	2,459	448	2,669	405	381	39	90	11
South Australia ..	14,044	2,427	15,194	2,396	166,770	18,191	137,174	16,792
Western Australia ..	8,151	1,443	7,327	1,192	89	9	100	12
Tasmania ..	1,949	353	3,598	650	2	..	1,016	126
Total ..	94,522	16,439	100,229	15,935	170,207	18,550	140,256	17,182

(a) Includes Luxemburg prior to 1954-55.

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency f.o.b. port of shipment.

Section V.—Retail Sales.

TOTAL RETAIL SALES OF GOODS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS.^(a)*(Adjusted on a Basis Comparable with the 1952-53 Retail Census.)*

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards).

The tables contain particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1949-50 to 1954-55 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the year 1952-53 were obtained from the Census taken in respect of that year whereas figures for the other years shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(£ million.)

Particulars.	1949-50. (b)	1950-51. (b)	1951-52. (b)	1952-53. (c)	1953-54. (b)	1954-55. (b)
STATES.						
New South Wales	538.2	693.9	801.0	824.7	907.7	1,012.1
Victoria	392.6	492.4	571.7	584.4	637.8	710.8
Queensland	184.9	233.9	270.6	287.8	319.7	362.8
South Australia	122.4	153.3	185.4	189.0	207.8	233.8
Western Australia	99.0	125.9	155.2	164.6	183.8	198.9
Tasmania	41.6	53.4	65.0	68.9	76.1	83.5
Total	1,378.7	1,752.8	2,048.9	2,119.4	2,332.9	2,601.9

COMMODITY GROUPS.

Groceries	161.1	186.1	232.9	261.5	275.1	308.7
Butchers' Meat	75.4	92.3	118.7	127.8	133.9	147.5
Other Food ^(d)	131.7	155.5	187.8	206.8	223.7	246.6
Total Foodstuffs	368.2	433.9	539.4	596.1	632.7	702.8
Beer, wine and spirits	105.0	123.2	153.9	173.0	186.7	202.0
Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Footwear	263.8	328.5	351.6	355.1	387.4	419.5
Hardware, China and Glass-ware ^(e)	66.4	91.2	109.6	113.8	124.7	141.7
Electrical Goods and Radios	43.3	64.7	77.5	75.8	91.2	102.0
Furniture and Floor Coverings	54.5	76.9	76.1	72.8	81.0	86.6
Other Goods ^(f)	204.2	252.4	307.5	315.5	336.9	365.9
Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, &c.)	1,105.4	1,370.8	1,615.6	1,702.1	1,840.6	2,020.5
Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c. ^(g)	273.3	382.0	433.3	417.3	492.3	581.4
Total	1,378.7	1,752.8	2,048.9	2,119.4	2,332.9	2,601.9

(a) Excludes sales in Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Survey figures.
 (c) Census figures. (d) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, &c., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (e) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, &c.). (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, &c., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, &c.
 (g) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth moving equipment, &c.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The statistics in the following tables relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Particulars of agreements originally made between retailers and customers and subsequently assigned to finance companies are not included in the figures of agreements made during each quarter nor, up to 31st December, 1953, in those of balances outstanding. Commencing 31st March, 1954, however, details of balances outstanding on agreements assigned to finance companies were collected and are included in the figures from that date.

Balances Outstanding at end of each Quarter(a).

(Including Hiring Charges and Insurance.)

(£'000.)

As at—	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.(c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1953—30th June ..	35,041	19,861	15,079	8,676	6,354	2,929	87,940
30th September ..	37,988	21,704	16,116	9,592	6,950	3,239	95,589
31st December ..	43,858	25,097	18,392	11,146	7,978	3,666	110,137
1954—31st March(d) ..	47,782	27,546	19,694	12,033	8,548	4,032	119,635
30th June(d) ..	51,556	30,726	22,361	13,456	9,703	4,534	132,336
30th September(d) ..	55,281	34,146	24,041	15,144	10,893	4,991	144,496
31st December(d) ..	62,324	38,750	26,196	16,916	12,003	5,591	161,780
1955—31st March(d) ..	66,281	41,663	27,081	17,540	12,549	6,091	171,205
30th June(d) ..	69,498	44,377	28,580	18,397	13,482	6,659	180,993

(a) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) See note above.

Agreements Made during Quarter ended 30th June, 1955 : States.

Particulars of Agreement.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
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MOTOR VEHICLES.

Number of Agreements ..	24,216	18,447	11,972	8,553	5,906	3,124	72,218
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	18,064	13,435	8,084	5,859	3,865	2,384	51,691
Amount Financed(d) £'000	10,401	8,028	4,521	3,338	2,265	1,251	29,804

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

Number of Agreements ..	1,218	958	721	264	267	96	3,524
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	750	502	453	182	342	78	2,307
Amount Financed(d) £'000	450	300	275	107	201	48	1,381

HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.

Number of Agreements ..	62,716	34,979	27,810	12,630	10,315	4,492	152,942
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	4,945	2,559	1,735	873	726	306	11,144
Amount Financed(d) £'000	4,086	2,059	1,339	734	581	239	9,038

TOTAL (ALL GOODS).

Number of Agreements ..	88,150	54,384	40,503	21,447	16,488	7,712	228,684
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	23,759	16,496	10,272	6,914	4,933	2,768	65,142
Amount Financed(d) £'000	14,937	10,387	6,135	4,179	3,047	1,538	40,223

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Retail Sales : Hire Purchase Agreements Entered Into By Finance Companies—continued.

Agreements Made during each Quarter : Australia.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed. (b)
		Total.	Average per Agreement.	Total.	Average per Agreement.	
		£'000	£	£'000.	£	%

MOTOR VEHICLES.

Quarterly Average—1954-55	67,680	47,005	695	27,141	401	58
Quarterly Total—1954—June Quarter ..	62,188	42,054	676	24,725	398	59
Sept. " ..	66,179	44,951	679	25,882	391	58
Dec. " ..	68,693	47,206	687	27,396	399	58
1955—March " ..	63,630	44,172	694	25,482	400	58
June " ..	72,218	51,691	716	29,804	413	58

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

Quarterly Average—1954-55	3,664	2,318	633	1,413	386	61
Quarterly Total—1954—June Quarter ..	2,771	1,784	644	1,113	402	62
Sept. " ..	3,361	1,784	531	1,104	328	62
Dec. " ..	3,975	2,510	631	1,543	388	61
1955—March " ..	3,796	2,673	704	1,623	428	61
June " ..	3,524	2,307	655	1,381	392	60

HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.

Quarterly Average—1954-55	159,747	12,318	77	10,006	63	81
Quarterly Total—1954—June Quarter ..	151,848	10,425	69	8,451	56	81
Sept. " ..	153,473	11,131	73	9,065	59	81
Dec. " ..	176,858	14,221	80	11,509	65	81
1955—March " ..	155,715	12,775	82	10,413	67	81
June " ..	152,942	11,144	73	9,038	59	81

TOTAL (ALL GOODS).

Quarterly Average—1954-55	231,091	61,641	267	38,560	167	63
Quarterly Total—1954—June Quarter ..	216,807	54,263	250	34,289	158	63
Sept. " ..	223,013	57,866	259	36,051	162	62
Dec. " ..	249,526	63,937	256	40,448	162	63
1955—March " ..	223,141	59,620	267	37,518	168	63
June " ..	228,684	65,142	285	40,223	176	62

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). charges and insurance.

(b) Excludes hiring

Section VI.—Public Finance.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—RECEIPTS.
(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
TAXATION—				
Customs	31,161	70,720	94,757	101,254
Excise	16,472	113,104	125,460	143,149
Sales Tax	9,308	89,067	95,689	100,446
Flour Tax (a)	1,809	..	..	..
Land Tax	1,489	1,250	221	13
Income Taxes (b)	11,883	554,737	528,181	532,916
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	..	40,171	40,384	41,455
Estate Duty	1,915	8,393	9,825	9,614
Gift Duty .. .. .	..	1,162	1,386	1,618
Entertainments Tax .. .. .	..	6,708	1,977	2
Wool Contributory Charge and Wool Tax (a)	(c) 74	703	772	784
Wheat Export Charge (a) .. .. .	..	8,139	..	5,063
Other Export Charges (a) (d) .. .. .	..	166	168	305
Stevedoring Industry Charge (a) .. .. .	..	1,144	1,630	998
Total, Taxation	74,111	895,464	900,450	937,613
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—				
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366	64,398	67,798	72,825
Railways—				
Trans-Australian	331	1,372	1,825	1,928
Central Australia	138	1,290	1,553	1,483
North Australia	50	42	68	70
Australian Capital Territory	7	25	15	29
Total, Railways	526	2,729	3,461	3,510
Broadcasting Services	(e)	3,806	3,867	3,875
Total, Business Undertakings	17,892	70,933	75,126	80,210
TERRITORIES (f)	356	1,779	2,195	2,419
OTHER REVENUE—				
Coinage	128	310	750	725
Defence	151	2,188	2,809	4,106
Atomic Energy Commission .. .. .	..	1,174	2,791	1,082
Civil Aviation	6	3,501	4,313	4,644
Health	18	43	80	86
Attorney-General	111	287	322	371
Commerce and Agriculture	6	121	106	..
Shipping and Transport	152	255	391	321
Net Profit on Note Issue	767	4,861	5,707	5,516
Other	1,367	(g) 59,151	27,750	30,348
Total	2,706	71,891	45,019	47,199
GRAND TOTAL	95,065	1,040,067	1,022,790	1,067,441
PER HEAD OF POPULATION—				
Taxation	£ s. d. 10 13 9	£ s. d. 102 7 5	£ s. d. 101 3 4	£ s. d. 103 2 11
Business Undertakings	2 11 7	8 2 2	8 8 10	8 16 6
Other	0 8 10	8 8 5	5 6 1	5 9 2
Total	13 14 2	118 18 0	114 18 3	117 8 7

(a) Paid to Trust Fund for purposes of industry concerned. (b) Includes Social Services Contribution, Wool Deduction, Undistributed Profits Tax and Super Tax. (c) Wool levy for publicity and research. (d) Prior to 1952-53 treated as refunds of revenue. (e) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department, balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account revenue. (f) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (g) Includes sale of shares in Commonwealth Oil Refineries Ltd., £2,762,000 and wool disposals profit, £42,361,000.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates excess of refunds.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—EXPENDITURE.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Services ..	5,316	(a) 69,247	(a) 65,666	(a) 72,030
Interest and Debt Redemption, n.e.i. (b) ..	3,839	4,867	6,016	6,645
Capital Works and Services, n.e.i. ..	634	64,093	58,541	59,586
National Welfare Fund and Social Services (c) ..	16,428	165,511	176,565	189,319
Subsidies and Bounties ..	236	25,332	21,320	21,539
Defence Services	8,928	216,016	190,661	186,794
War and Repatriation Services—				
Interest and Debt Redemption (b) ..	9,665	64,610	63,679	58,507
War Pensions	8,227	36,577	39,425	44,548
Other Services	1,365	16,645	17,158	17,270
Total, War and Repatriation Services ..	19,257	117,832	120,262	120,325
Business Undertakings—				
Postmaster-General's Department—				
Interest and Debt Redemption (b) ..	2,887	3,720	3,520	2,958
Capital Works and Services ..	3,851	23,427	25,986	25,839
Other	11,991	66,197	68,724	73,289
Total, Postmaster-General's Department	18,729	93,344	98,230	102,086
Railways—				
Interest and Debt Redemption (b) ..	530	561	561	573
Capital Works and Services ..	142	4,746	3,382	3,100
Other	801	2,833	2,968	3,049
Total, Railways	1,473	8,140	6,911	6,722
Broadcasting Services—				
Capital Works and Services ..	..	202	281	273
Other .. ..	..	4,556	4,684	4,871
Total, Broadcasting Services ..	(d)	4,758	4,965	5,144
Total, Business Undertakings ..	20,202	111,242	110,106	113,952
Territories (e)—				
Interest and Debt Redemption (b) ..	376	333	359	361
Capital Works and Services ..	739	4,821	4,511	5,168
Other—				
Northern Territory ..	323	2,355	2,522	2,749
Australian Capital Territory ..	349	2,205	2,382	2,514
Papua-New Guinea ..	47	4,882	5,812	7,313
Norfolk Island ..	5	40	58	34
Total, Territories	1,839	14,636	15,644	18,139
Payments to or for the States—				
Interest on States' Debts (f) ..	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585
Redemption of States' Debts ..	1,478	3,011	3,463	3,947
Special Grants	2,020	15,934	15,400	12,300
Grants, for Road Construction, &c., purposes ..	4,266	15,707	22,057	22,361
Tax Reimbursement Grants ..	..	108,623	120,415	130,046
States Grants—Special Assistance ..	..	27,146	21,915	19,902
Tuberculosis Act—Reimbursement of Capital				
Expenditure .. ..	..	(g) 1,293	(g) 1,379	1,709
Other (h)	320	4,905	3,433	2,879
Total, Payments to or for the States ..	15,669	184,204	195,647	200,729
Other Expenditure	2,089	(i) 53,687	6,091	8,232
GRAND TOTAL	94,437	(j) 1,026,667	(j) 966,519	(j) 997,290
PER HEAD OF POPULATION	£ s. d. 13 12 5	£ s. d. 117 7 6	£ s. d. 108 11 10	£ s. d. 109 14 3

(a) Includes freight concessions on North Australia and Central Australia Railways. (b) Includes exchange on interest payments. (c) For expenditure on Social Services see page 68. (d) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account expenditure. (e) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (f) Excludes balance of interest payable on States debts (recoverable from States). (g) Previously included with Capital Works and Services, n.e.i. (h) Includes contribution to South Australia for Port-Augusta—Port Pirie Railway. (i) Includes transfers to Wool Disposals Profit Fund £42,361,000. (j) Excludes transfer of surplus revenue 1952-53, £13,400,000; 1953-54, £56,271,000; and 1954-55, £70,151,000 to Trust Accounts.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUND.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	Total to 30th June, 1955.
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services	..	..	..	..	..	372,990
Defence and War (1939-45) Services and Post-war Charges	..	5,120	5,684	4,199	4,039	1,632,728
Works and Services—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites	1,912	..	..	..	..	8,682
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works	..	..	..	..	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks	Cr. 305	..	..	..	..	7,694
Lighthouses, Works and Services	Cr. 1	..	..	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	..	Cr. 2	40,528
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services	..	..	..	..	..	102
War Service Homes(a)	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways	..	Cr. 3	Cr. 4	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	13,749
Territories(b)	Cr. 7	Cr. 1	Cr. 9	Cr. 12	Cr. 4	8,719
Other	..	..	..	..	..	3,109
Assistance to States—						
Housing	..	26,547	30,000	37,200	29,150	207,359
Other	1,996	..	..	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.	3,594	26,542	29,986	37,187	29,143	317,597
International Bank Dollar Loans(c)	..	23,831	17,935	21,468	23,575	90,853
Swiss Loans(d)	..	..	..	5,792	5,930	11,722
GRAND TOTAL	3,594	55,493	53,605	68,646	62,687	2,425,890

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. (b) Includes administration and other public buildings, Australian Capital Territory. (c) Paid to National Debt Sinking Fund. (d) Paid to Swiss Loan Trust Account.

PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR DEFENCE, WAR (1939-45) AND POST-WAR CHARGES, ETC.(a)

Year and Month of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Allocation of Proceeds.			Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			Commonwealth.		States.		
			Defence, War (1939-45) and Post-war Charges.	Advances to States for Housing.			
	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	
1948—September ..	15,000	84,472	52	..	15,000	3½	1962
1949—March ..	43,239	54,860	5,539	32,140	24,145	2, 3½	1952, 1960-63
September ..	25,912	63,504	..	..	45,167	..	1953, 1960-63
1950—March ..	40,875	46,066	11,887	17,215	31,576	..	1953, 1961-64
August ..	12,898	46,302	1,301	..	47,000	..	..
November ..	21,253	32,160	..	..	30,000	..	..
1951—May ..	40,000	46,192	323	..	48,938	..	1954, (b) 1962-65
August ..	40,000	22,628	..	3,840	28,660	2, 3½	1954, 1962-65
November ..	13,233	12,909	..	1,470	12,076	..	..
1952—March ..	30,533	19,449	..	1,787	15,862	..	1955, 1962-65
November ..	20,000	26,925	..	2,459	17,810	4½	1961
1953—March ..	29,789	20,841	92	3,595	28,331	3, 4½	(c) 1955, 1962
September ..	50,000	30,977	..	6,850	59,468	..	1955, 1966
1954—March ..	35,000	24,974	..	65	52,000	..	(d) 1957, 1967
August ..	37,594	26,832	..	5	46,505	..	(d) 1957, 1967
November ..	50,000	18,383	..	..	37,159	..	(e) 1957, 1968
1955—March ..	40,000	13,245	..	1	44,005	..	(f) 1957, 1968
August ..	35,000	..	..	..	..	..	(g) 1956, 1965, 1970

(a) Excludes redemption and conversion loans. (b) Price of issue: £99. (c) Price of issue: £99 10s. (d) Price of issue: £98 10s. (e) Price of issue: £98 15s. (f) Price of issue: £99 5s. (g) Price of issue: £99 15s.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 30th June, 1955, see page 67.

**COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION,
1953-54.(a)**

Grade of Actual Income and State or Territory of Assessment.		Number of Taxpayers.	Taxable Income.			Net Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessed.
			Personal Exertion.	Property.	Total.	
£	£	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
105- 200	171,542	23,590	2,045	25,635	333	
201- 300	236,185	51,566	3,840	55,406	1,545	
301- 400	267,598	80,672	4,793	85,465	3,790	
401- 500	309,511	120,113	4,863	124,976	7,403	
501- 600	338,499	157,461	4,896	162,357	11,574	
601- 700	386,310	203,524	4,761	208,285	16,830	
701- 800	512,708	301,525	4,876	306,401	27,291	
801- 900	387,149	252,755	4,647	257,402	25,140	
901- 1,000	248,599	179,634	4,259	183,893	19,636	
1,001- 1,250	290,659	241,931	8,771	250,702	30,365	
1,251- 1,500	106,361	109,398	6,993	116,391	16,915	
1,501- 2,000	86,566	113,757	10,401	124,158	22,042	
2,001- 3,000	65,865	125,601	13,871	139,472	32,713	
3,001- 4,000	27,722	76,790	9,176	85,966	25,628	
4,001- 5,000	13,876	49,827	6,577	56,397	19,983	
5,001-10,000	17,527	92,292	14,730	107,022	49,956	
10,001-15,000	2,624	24,086	4,980	29,066	17,022	
15,001 and over	1,565	26,190	6,737	32,927	21,889	
Total Residents		3,470,866	2,230,712	121,209	2,351,921	350,055
Central Office	12,646	23,020	10,694	33,714	15,168	
New South Wales	1,306,561	845,982	41,364	887,346	128,890	
Victoria	1,002,947	626,383	36,745	663,128	92,400	
Queensland	468,724	285,852	10,762	296,614	43,208	
South Australia	315,444	217,563	11,586	229,149	35,583	
Western Australia	234,663	154,028	6,705	160,733	24,582	
Tasmania	110,345	64,029	2,928	66,957	8,113	
Northern Territory	5,234	3,566	49	3,615	445	
Australian Capital Territory	14,302	10,289	376	10,665	1,666	
Total Residents		3,470,866	2,230,712	121,209	2,351,921	350,055
Total Non-Residents.. ..		4,056	838	3,072	3,910	1,092
GRAND TOTAL INDIVIDUALS		3,474,922	2,231,550	124,281	2,355,831	351,147
Companies (b)		25,484	413,714	(c) 123,614

(a) Assessed on income for year 1952-53.
Undistributed Profits Tax.

(b) Preliminary, subject to revision.

(c) Includes

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1953-54.

Grade of Dutiable Value.					Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£	£				No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1- 1,000	..	..	..	..	5,584	12,587	2,463	74
1,001- 2,000	..	..	..	..	3,039	10,342	4,428	132
2,001- 3,000	..	..	..	..	1,844	8,366	4,552	135
3,001- 4,000	..	..	..	..	1,408	7,760	4,867	145
4,001- 5,000	..	..	..	..	1,095	7,257	4,899	146
5,001-10,000	..	..	..	..	2,912	27,240	20,598	611
10,001-20,000	..	..	..	..	2,154	36,041	30,765	1,345
20,001-50,000	..	..	..	..	1,321	46,652	38,721	3,148
50,001 and over	..	..	..	..	264	31,660	22,626	4,353
Total	..	..	..	..	19,621	187,905	133,919	10,089

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.

NOTE.—An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable.—Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Sales.(a)										Sales Tax Payable.
		8½ per cent.	10 per cent.	12½ per cent.	16½ per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	33½ per cent.	50 per cent.	66½ per cent.	Total.	
1938-39 ..	477,147	196,491	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	196,491	9,363
1950-51 ..	1,686,233	463,975	49,463	..	..	..	11,325	22,584	..	..	547,347	53,984
1951-52 ..	1,945,086	134,246	24,243	327,442	..	85,192	6,079	36,276	4,983	4,929	623,390	91,332
1952-53 ..	1,897,669	..	..	403,680	..	121,413	134	23,000	6,794	369	555,390	86,085
1953-54 ..	2,154,269	..	..	483,736	176,136	24,265	..	3,007	802	..	687,946	96,079
1954-55 ..	2,466,282	..	140,620	421,607	204,718	..	..	..	..	..	766,940	101,400
Quarter—												
1954—												
June ..	563,275	..	..	121,509	54,315	..	..	..	..	..	175,824	24,241
Sept. ..	595,032	..	21,672	115,001	56,309	..	..	..	..	..	192,982	25,927
Dec. ..	633,544	..	45,843	110,277	51,905	..	..	..	..	..	208,025	27,020
1955—												
Mar. ..	585,906	..	35,376	94,186	44,553	..	..	..	..	..	174,115	23,281
June ..	651,800	..	37,729	102,143	51,946	..	..	..	..	..	191,818	25,172
Month—												
1955—												
Jan. ..	164,269	..	10,075	26,452	10,479	..	..	..	..	..	47,006	6,605
Feb. ..	197,084	..	12,109	32,088	15,896	..	..	..	..	..	60,093	7,871
Mar. ..	224,553	..	13,192	35,646	18,178	..	..	..	..	..	67,016	8,805
April ..	200,790	..	11,535	32,151	16,225	..	..	..	..	..	59,911	7,877
May ..	225,564	..	13,849	35,583	18,377	..	..	..	..	..	67,809	8,895
June ..	225,446	..	12,345	34,409	17,344	..	..	..	..	..	64,098	8,400

(a) The general rate was 4 per cent. to 21st September, 1938 and 5 per cent. to 8th September, 1939. The 10 per cent. rate came into operation on 15th November, 1946, and superseded the general rate of 12½ per cent., which, together with the 25 per cent. rate, operated from 1st May, 1942. On 8th September, 1949, the general rate was reduced to 8½ per cent. From 13th October, 1950, additional rates of 10 per cent. and 33½ per cent. were introduced. On 27th September, 1951, the general rate was increased to 12½ per cent. and rates of 20 per cent., 50 per cent. and 66½ per cent. were introduced. From 7th August, 1952, the rate of 66½ per cent. was reduced to 50 per cent. and the rate of 25 per cent. eliminated. From 9th September, 1953, the rates of 50 per cent., 33½ per cent. and 20 per cent. were eliminated and the rate of 16½ per cent. was introduced. From 19th August, 1954, the rate of 10 per cent. was re-introduced.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. The following adjustments have been made to the Budget figures for 1953-54 to obviate duplications within the combined accounts and to obtain uniformity with the other States—(i) Treasury transfers to Railway revenue £1,000,000 and (ii) Commonwealth Hospital Benefits £2,050,000 paid to Consolidated Revenue and then distributed to hospitals, have been deducted from the Budget Revenue total of £189,692,000 and from the Expenditure total of £192,009,000. In addition, £2,445,000 has been deducted from expenditure on account of debt charges not recouped to Consolidated Revenue Fund from Business Undertakings and on account of contributions from Consolidated Revenue Fund towards losses on Tramway and Omnibus Services. Although contributions towards accumulated losses of Business Undertakings have been made from Consolidated Revenue Fund in previous years, no adjustment to aggregate expenditure was made until 1952-53. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The following Treasury transfers to Business Undertakings have been excluded from Revenue and Expenditure—New South Wales (as stated above)—Railways £1,000,000; Victoria—Railways £1,935,000 and South Australia—Railways £4,000,000.

STATE REVENUES. (£'000.)

Sources of Revenue and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (a)	W. Aust. (a)	Tas. (a)(b)	Total.
1953-54.							
Taxation(c)	19,104	17,206	8,299	6,540	(d) 3,346	3,472	57,967
Railways	74,569	35,841	28,952	12,806	11,377	..	163,545
Tramways and Omnibuses	11,575	..	..	..	1,027	..	12,602
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,472	5,322	..	3,947	2,867	4	14,612
Land	3,644	2,683	3,967	310	964	474	12,042
Interest n.e.i.	968	3,054	1,462	2,734	1,126	1,851	11,195
Commonwealth Payments (e)	59,170	37,101	23,798	19,065	19,620	6,598	165,352
All other Sources	15,140	(f) 5,541	3,218	2,974	3,269	886	31,028
Total Revenue 1953-54	186,642	106,748	69,696	48,376	43,596	13,285	468,343
Total Revenue per head	£ s. d. 54 16 0	£ s. d. 44 1 2	£ s. d. 53 11 9	£ s. d. 61 10 9	£ s. d. 69 2 10	£ s. d. 42 18 8	£ s. d. 52 17 9
1952-53	180,908	96,995	63,171	44,251	38,725	(b) 12,061	436,111
1951-52	167,095	81,661	55,753	37,588	33,955	(b) 10,469	386,521
1950-51	128,298	63,546	44,723	31,072	28,974	(b) 7,819	304,432
1949-50	106,504	55,557	37,119	26,360	26,018	(b) 7,077	258,635
1938-39	51,098	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,282

STATE EXPENDITURES. (£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas. (a)(b)	Total.
1953-54.							
Interest and Charges on Public Debt	19,817	14,327	8,965	8,237	6,488	3,391	61,225
Railways	64,182	34,607	28,303	14,160	14,357	..	155,609
Tramways and Omnibuses	13,446	..	..	..	1,154	..	14,600
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	1,705	4,181	411	3,459	3,207	(g) 913	18,876
Education	27,905	17,391	8,082	5,589	5,544	2,810	67,221
Hospitals	16,294	11,601	7,051	3,547	3,367	1,488	43,348
Other Charities	3,278	2,867	1,838	792	970	399	10,144
All other Expenditure	39,987	21,063	14,703	10,782	(h) 8,612	(i) 4,269	99,416
Total Expenditure 1953-54	186,514	106,037	69,353	46,566	43,699	13,270	465,439
Total Expenditure per head	£ s. d. 54 15 3	£ s. d. 43 15 3	£ s. d. 53 6 6	£ s. d. 59 4 8	£ s. d. 69 5 10	£ s. d. 42 17 8	£ s. d. 52 11 2
1952-53	180,811	97,360	62,980	44,226	39,233	(b) 11,763	436,373
1951-52	166,997	84,067	55,708	37,499	34,547	(b) 10,871	389,689
1950-51	128,265	63,889	44,625	30,842	28,814	(b) 8,066	304,501
1949-50	107,681	55,816	37,090	26,550	25,994	(b) 7,944	260,475
1938-39	53,558	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,159

(a) Revenue includes balance of Special Grant for 1951-52—South Australia—£200,000, Western Australia +£450,000, Tasmania—£150,000.

(b) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of the Transport Commission.

(c) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1953-54, see p. 66.

(d) Gross collections. (e) Includes Commonwealth tax reimbursements.

(f) Includes contribution to revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways, £71,000.

(g) Losses of Transport Commission. (h) Includes reduction of 1951-52 deficit, £450,000.

(i) Includes reduction of 1951-52 adjusted surplus, —£150,000.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR, 1953-54.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways ..	11,331	8,838	5,536	1,374	5,717	303	33,099
Tramways and Omnibuses ..	754			600	Cr. 69	..	1,285
Roads and Bridges ..	353	1,510	Cr. 75	Cr. 20	..		
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	1,493	245	Cr. 2	711	1,164	766	6,145
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	3,562	8,417	2,680	4,975	1,806	343	21,783
Electricity Supply ..	16,500	6,000	..	5,000	703	8,138	36,341
Public Buildings ..	11,274	10,077	2,135	1,598	1,572	1,538	28,794
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 25	Cr. 12	..	..	..	..	Cr. 37
Housing ..	1,008	Cr. 20	353	3,229	1,001	1,828	7,399
Other(b) ..	673	395	5,099	131	351	300	6,949
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (c) ..	3,387	2,527	123	92	13	83	6,225
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	5,013	..	1,109	731	163	..	7,016
Other ..	1,404	1,105	1,493	3,189	233	169	7,593
Other purposes ..	..	2,828	..	451	1,540	Cr. 31	4,788
Total Works, &c. ..	56,727	42,510	18,451	22,061	14,194	13,437	167,380
Per Head ..	£ s. d. 16 13 2	£ s. d. 17 10 11	£ s. d. 14 3 9	£ s. d. 28 1 4	£ s. d. 22 10 2	£ s. d. 43 8 5	£ s. d. 18 18 0
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	..	..	..	..	60	552	612
Other(d) ..	367	139	..	61	41	217	391
Grand Total ..	57,094	42,649	18,451	22,122	14,295	13,772	168,383

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1954.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(e)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways ..	235,479	118,597	98,236	50,818	50,360	13,879	567,369
Tramways and Omnibuses ..	18,035	..	..	6,441	2,055	..	26,531
Roads and Bridges ..	21,629	18,181	10,889	4,686	3,183	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	30,618	2,627	4,094	12,280	12,757	10,374	131,318
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	47,673	75,979	8,142	44,611	24,842	1,387	202,634
Electricity Supply ..	74,503	41,089	..	26,650	13,777	43,769	199,788
Public Buildings ..	62,488	49,033	20,068	12,673	12,030	8,838	165,130
Unemployment Relief ..	16,029	18,147	..	..	..	330	29,506
Housing ..	9,209	9,813	7,163	30,305	4,152	10,060	70,702
Other(b) ..	14,159	5,580	40,588	2,565	2,952	4,084	69,928
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (c) ..	37,562	83,489	9,589	9,453	13,164	2,445	155,702
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	42,417	..	6,403	11,713	6,341	..	66,874
Other ..	15,815	18,200	21,297	11,482	16,739	2,254	85,787
Other purposes ..	90	17,265	..	4,518	14,809	2,425	39,107
Total Works, &c. ..	625,706	453,000	226,469	228,195	177,161	99,845	1,810,376
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	38,948	15,456	5,826	8,730	12,175	3,176	84,311
Other(d) ..	27,552	10,204	15,998	3,347	6,037	1,833	64,971
Grand Total ..	692,206	478,660	248,293	240,272	195,373	104,854	1,959,658

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds, from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes loans to Local Bodies, &c. (c) Includes Advances to Settlers and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (e) Aggregate gross loan expenditure.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1955.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000. Aust. Stg.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (b)	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (c)
New South Wales ..	522,978	122,141	10,480	655,599	18,381	3,915	353	22,649
Victoria ..	363,246	44,777	3,176	411,199	13,254	1,448	110	14,812
Queensland ..	188,735	43,583	4,156	236,474	6,631	1,446	143	8,220
South Australia ..	196,858	35,461	2,450	234,769	7,058	1,123	91	8,272
Western Australia ..	141,073	35,770	1,038	177,881	4,940	1,108	37	6,085
Tasmania ..	102,593	6,992	220	109,805	3,769	232	7	4,008
Total ..	1,515,483	288,724	21,520	1,825,727	54,033	9,272	741	64,046

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State public debt leaving out of account differences in currency. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Six States.	Common- wealth.	Grand Total. (b)
YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1954.									
Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	59,170	37,101	23,791	19,041	19,614	6,598	165,815	..	..
Taxation ..	19,087	17,142	8,253	6,541	3,241	3,472	57,736	900,450	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways ..	74,572	35,841	23,952	12,806	11,377	..	163,548	3,461	..
Other ..	14,094	750	..	3,942	3,553	..	22,339	71,665	..
Other ..	19,770	15,914	8,700	6,046	5,811	3,215	59,456	47,214	..
Total ..	186,693	106,748	69,696	48,376	43,596	13,285	468,394	1,022,790	1,318,971
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	195,648	..
Debt Services ..	19,638	14,295	9,007	8,231	6,451	3,346	60,968	74,135	..
Business Undertakings (d)—									
Railways ..	66,434	35,025	23,476	14,365	14,356 (e)	738	159,394	2,968	..
Other ..	15,946	902	..	3,511	3,405	..	23,764	73,408	..
Other ..	84,585	55,818	31,870	20,459	19,487	9,186	221,405	620,360	..
Total ..	186,603	106,040	69,353	46,566	43,699	13,270	465,531	966,519	1,259,837
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—) ..	+ 90	+ 708	+ 343	+ 1,810	— 103	+ 15	+ 2,863	+ 56,271	+ 59,134

YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1955.

Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	61,372	39,483	25,191	16,114	19,728	7,943	169,831	..	..
Taxation ..	21,217	20,981	8,671	7,547	3,630	2,690	64,736	937,613	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways ..	74,308	37,695	30,805	13,107	12,470	..	168,385	3,510	..
Other ..	14,623	651	..	4,716	3,853	..	23,843	76,700	..
Other ..	22,523	17,979	9,153	7,200	6,389	3,862	67,106	49,618	..
Total ..	194,043	116,789	73,820	48,684	46,070	14,495	493,901	1,067,441	1,384,183
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	200,729	..
Debt Services ..	22,011	16,748	9,695	9,784	7,280	4,228	69,746	69,044	..
Business Undertakings (d)									
Railways ..	67,119	33,907	30,207	14,757	14,497 (e)	677	161,164	3,049	..
Other ..	16,577	827	..	3,917	3,661	..	24,982	78,160	..
Other ..	90,469	63,970	33,700	22,460	21,116	9,802	241,517	646,308	..
Total ..	196,176	115,452	73,602	50,918	46,554	14,707	497,409	997,290	1,317,540
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—) ..	— 2,133	+ 1,337	+ 218	— 2,234	— 484	— 212	— 3,508	+ 70,151	+ 66,643

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget.

(b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, special financial assistance, interest on States' debts, special grants and prices, &c., control reimbursement grants; also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government.

(c) Includes payments to State trust funds.

(d) Excludes interest, &c., charges.

(e) Loss by Transport Commission.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(£'000.)

Year Ended June—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total Six States.	Common- wealth. (a)	Grand Total.
1954	56,727	42,495	18,451	22,122	14,234	13,772	167,801	41,386	209,187
1955	51,814	38,775	18,023	23,506	14,811	14,689	161,118	33,182	194,300

(a) Excludes payment to National Debt Sinking Fund on account of the International Bank Dollar Loans and payment to Swiss Loan Trust Account on account of Swiss Loans.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1953-54.(a)

(£'000.)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.).	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	..	33	2	8,014	5,645	10,645	2,890	2,520	29,749
Victoria ..	..	27	2,016	5,387	3,685	5,883	3,107	2,195	22,300
Queensland ..	..	21	1,080	2,353	2,548	4,806	297	1,712	12,817
South Australia ..	..	4	568	1,593	1,040	2,468	1,087	151	6,911
Western Australia ..	..	7	297	877	1,197	1,388	586	380	4,682
Tasmania ..	..	..	175	476	428	737	259	1,683	3,758
Total States ..	..	92	4,138	18,700	14,543	25,877	8,226	8,641	80,217
Commonwealth ..	220,217	528,181	221	9,825	..	..	1,977	6140,029	900,450
Grand Total ..	220,217	528,273	4,359	28,525	14,543	25,877	10,203	148,670	980,667

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

New South Wales ..	..	0 0 2	..	2 7 1	1 13 2	3 2 6	0 17 0	0 14 9	8 14 8
Victoria ..	..	0 0 3	0 16 8	2 4 6	1 10 6	2 8 7	1 5 8	0 18 2	9 4 4
Queensland ..	..	0 0 4	0 16 7	1 16 2	1 19 2	3 14 0	0 4 7	1 6 4	9 17 2
South Australia ..	..	0 0 1	0 14 5	2 0 6	1 6 5	3 2 9	1 7 8	0 3 10	8 15 8
Western Australia ..	..	0 0 3	0 9 5	1 7 10	1 18 0	2 2 5	0 18 7	0 12 0	7 8 6
Tasmania ..	..	..	0 11 4	1 10 9	1 7 8	2 7 8	0 16 9	5 8 8	12 2 10
Total States ..	..	0 0 3	0 9 4	2 2 3	1 12 11	2 18 5	0 18 6	0 19 6	9 1 2
Commonwealth ..	24 14 10	59 6 10	0 0 6	1 2 1	..	..	0 4 5	615 14 8	101 3 4
Grand Total ..	24 14 10	59 7 0	0 9 10	3 4 1	1 12 8	2 18 1	1 2 11	16 14 2	110 3 7

(a) Includes taxes paid to special funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 58 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Includes Sales Tax £95,689,000, £10 15s. 0d. per head of population; and Pay-roll Tax, £40,400,000, £4 10s. 9d. per head of population.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

(£'000.)

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
1938-39 ..	47,633	11,883	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,507	124,618
1950-51 ..	165,004	(a) 451,488	57,173	103,522	777,187	51,762	828,949
1951-52 ..	213,917	(a) 551,142	95,459	73,493	934,011	63,010	997,021
1952-53 ..	183,824	(a) 554,737	89,067	67,836	895,464	70,987	966,451
1953-54 ..	220,217	(a) 528,181	95,689	56,363	900,450	80,217	980,667

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

1938-39 ..	..	6 17 5	1 14 3	1 6 10	0 15 3	10 13 9	7 6 1	17 19 5
1950-51 ..	..	19 17 0	(a) 54 6 5	6 17 7	12 9 2	93 10 2	6 5 1	99 14 9
1951-52 ..	..	25 1 0	(a) 64 10 10	11 3 7	8 12 1	109 7 6	7 8 3	116 15 1
1952-53 ..	..	21 0 4	(a) 63 8 4	10 3 8	7 15 1	102 7 5	8 3 1	110 9 9
1953-54 ..	..	24 14 10	(a) 59 6 10	10 15 0	6 6 8	101 3 4	9 1 2	110 3 7

(a) Includes Wool Deduction—1950-51, £109,531,000 (£13 3s. 7d. per head); 1951-52, £5,963,000 (14s. 0d. per head); 1952-53, —£2,223,000 (—5s. 1d. per head) and 1953-54, —£239,000 (—6d. per head).

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1953-54.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth Tax Reimbursement ..	47,733	29,352	19,257	10,384	9,623	4,066	120,415
State Tax Collections	29,749	22,300	12,817	6,911	4,682	3,758	80,217
Total ..	77,482	51,652	32,074	17,295	14,305	7,824	200,632
Per head of population	£ s. d. 22 15 0	£ s. d. 21 6 4	£ s. d. 24 13 3	£ s. d. 22 0 0	£ s. d. 22 13 8	£ s. d. 25 5 8	£ s. d. 22 13 2

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable or Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
TOTAL DEBT. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth—						
War (1914-18)	Australia £A.	175,194	148,561	144,799	138,430	126,545
	London £Stg.(a)	11,020	7,534	7,534	7,534	7,534
War (1939-45)	Australia £A.	..	1,479,140	1,467,002	1,458,992	1,439,107
	London £Stg.	..	5,775	5,775	5,775	5,725
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	43,303	149,236	176,842	209,587	232,797
	London £Stg.	72,097	50,434	50,071	49,478	49,036
	New York £(b)	15,913	28,139	36,192	41,933	50,722
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	..	6,126	12,251
Total ..	Australia £A.	218,497	1,776,937	1,788,643	1,807,009	1,798,449
	London £Stg.	83,117	63,743	63,380	62,787	62,295
	New York £(b)	15,913	28,139	36,192	41,933	50,722
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	..	6,126	12,251
Total(d) ..	..	317,527	1,868,819	1,888,215	1,917,855	1,923,717
State ..	Australia £A.	485,179	1,081,589	1,230,404	1,379,019	1,515,483
	London £Stg.	384,328	290,095	289,493	288,392	288,724
	New York £(b)	28,265	23,992	23,751	21,537	21,520
Total(d) ..	..	897,772	1,395,676	1,543,648	1,688,948	1,825,727
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	703,676	2,858,526	3,019,047	3,186,028	3,313,932
	London £Stg.	467,445	353,838	352,873	351,179	351,019
	New York £(b)	44,178	52,131	59,943	63,470	72,242
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	..	6,126	12,251
Total(d) ..	..	1,215,299	3,264,495	3,431,863	3,606,803	3,749,444

DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
(£ s. d.)

Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	100 19 10	330 10 5	341 18 7	354 10 5	360 3 8
	London £Stg.	67 1 8	40 18 3	39 19 4	39 1 6	38 3 0
	New York £(b)	6 6 10	6 0 7	6 15 9	7 1 3	7 17 0
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	..	0 13 8	1 6 8
Total(d) ..	..	174 8 4	377 9 3	388 13 8	401 6 10	407 10 4

ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.
(£'000.)

Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A.	25,585	77,946	86,576	94,924	104,840
	London £Stg.(a)	18,366	11,267	11,355	11,353	11,363
	New York £(b)	2,219	2,108	2,453	2,599	2,937
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	..	245	475
Total(e) ..	..	46,170	91,321	100,384	109,121	119,615

AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST PAYABLE PER CENT.
(£ s. d.)

Commonwealth and State ..	Australia ..	3 12 9	2 14 6	2 17 4	2 19 7	3 3 3
	London(a) ..	3 18 7	3 3 8	3 4 4	3 4 8	3 4 9
	New York ..	5 0 6	4 0 10	4 1 10	4 1 11	4 1 4
	Switzerland ..	..	..	..	4 0 0	3 17 6
Total ..	..	3 16 0	2 16 0	2 18 6	3 0 6	3 3 10

(a) Excludes debt (£79,724,000) and interest payable (£3,920,000) due to United Kingdom Government under the Funding Arrangements Act 1921. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government. (b) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (c) Payable in Swiss francs converted on the basis of 9.79512 fr. to £1. (d) The total "face" or "book" values of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States, without adjustment on account of differences in currency (see note (b)). (e) Nominal amount, taking no account of exchange.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)
(£'000.)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—					
		1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A. ..	108,280	108,280	153,280	225,000	190,000	160,000
	London £Stg. ..	1,470	1,220	970	720	470	220
State ..	Australia £A. ..	..	2,400	..	..	..	..
	London £Stg. ..	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,068
Total ..	Australia £A. ..	108,280	110,680	153,280	225,000	190,000	160,000
	London £Stg. ..	24,334	24,088	23,838	23,588	23,338	26,288

(a) Included above; excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

Section VII.—Social Statistics.
COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.
 (£'000.)

Social and Health Services.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
Social Benefits—					
Age and Invalid Pensions ..	15,992	59,788	72,424	81,293	88,006
Child Endowment ..	..	46,625	53,244	50,761	52,530
Commonwealth Rehabilitation					
Service ..	..	361	454	429	451
Funeral Benefits ..	..	276	270	288	304
Maternity Allowances ..	436	3,157	3,248	3,226	3,362
Unemployment and Sickness					
Benefits ..	..	1,008	6,255	4,543	2,640
Widows' Pensions ..	..	5,615	6,334	6,626	6,862
National Health Services—					
Hospital Benefits ..	..	6,683	7,223	8,330	9,321
Medical Benefits ..	..	..	..	1,434	4,210
Medical Benefits for Pensioners ..	..	1,036	1,740	2,115	2,516
Nutrition for Children ..	..	815	1,521	1,999	2,237
Pharmaceutical Benefits ..	..	7,327	6,487	8,219	9,445
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners ..	..	358	729	1,011	1,295
Miscellaneous ..	..	162	183	216	258
Mental Institution Benefits ..	..	518	523	495	225
Tuberculosis Campaign (a) ..	..	3,879	4,876	5,580	5,657
Total ..	16,428	137,608	165,511	176,565	189,319

(a) Includes allowances and reimbursements to States for maintenance of hospitals.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS.

State and Year.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.		Pensions Paid during Year. (a)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Total Age and Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per Head of Popn.
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000.	£ s. d.
1954-55.									
New South Wales ..	173,896	38,159	212,055	498	109	6 15 9	6 18 7	36,874	10 13 2
Victoria ..	106,406	17,074	123,480	422	68	6 13 11	6 15 1	21,527	8 13 1
Queensland ..	62,837	11,638	74,475	467	87	6 13 10	6 17 10	13,027	9 16 7
South Australia ..	39,370	4,667	44,037	480	57	6 12 8	6 17 5	7,655	9 9 7
Western Australia ..	28,833	4,191	33,024	438	64	6 14 1	6 17 6	5,759	8 17 6
Tasmania ..	13,679	2,681	16,360	435	85	6 14 10	6 18 8	2,999	9 11 7
Northern Territory	123	21	144	70	12	(b)	(b)	26	1 10 9
Australian Capital Territory ..	412	67	479	127	21	(c)	(c)	79	2 11 0
Abroad ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	..
Australia ..	425,556	78,498	504,054	463	85	6 14 7	6 17 7	88,006	9 13 8
1953-54 ..	397,784	73,732	471,516	443	82	6 14 2	6 16 10	81,293	9 2 8
1952-53 ..	374,791	70,232	445,023	425	80	6 8 4	6 10 11	72,424	8 5 10
1951-52 ..	352,049	67,963	420,012	408	79	5 14 2	5 16 4	59,788	7 0 2
1950-51 ..	342,806	68,918	411,724	407	82	4 15 5	4 16 8	49,520	5 19 3
1938-39 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	(d)	(d)	15,992	2 6 2

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Homes for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these homes and from year 1943-44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (b) Included with South Australia.

(c) Included with New South Wales. (d) Combined rate 38s. 5d.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay age pensions on 1st July, 1909, and invalid pensions on 15th December, 1910. Age pensions are payable to women of 60 years and over, and to men of 65 years and over, who are natural-born or naturalized British subjects with residence for at least 20 years in Australia or Australian Territory. Invalid pensions are payable after five years' residence in Australia to natural-born or naturalized persons of sixteen years or over who are permanently incapacitated for work or are permanently blind and have become so in Australia. Fortnightly rate £8 from 27th October, 1955. These pensions are subject to income and property qualifications.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT.

State, &c. and Year.	Endowed Families at 30th June.		Number per 10,000 of Population.		Amount paid during Year.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children. (a)	Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	No.	No.			£'000.	£ s. d.
1954-55.						
New South Wales ..	495,063	1,026,195	1,418	2,940	19,422	5 12 3
Victoria ..	350,395	729,399	1,389	2,891	13,735	5 10 5
Queensland ..	188,868	422,906	1,405	3,145	8,249	6 4 6
South Australia ..	120,384	254,879	1,469	3,110	4,714	5 16 9
Western Australia ..	96,621	212,025	1,467	3,220	4,069	6 5 5
Tasmania ..	46,407	104,736	1,475	3,328	2,032	6 9 10
Northern Territory	2,068	4,479	1,176	2,548	133	8 0 8
Australian Capital Territory ..	4,009	8,670	1,236	2,674	170	5 8 7
Abroad ..	412	878	..	..	6	..
Australia ..	1,304,227	2,764,167	1,418	3,004	52,530	5 15 7
1953-54 ..	1,280,439	2,689,577	1,425	2,993	50,761	5 14 1
1952-53 ..	1,246,986	2,599,026	1,415	2,948	53,244	6 1 11
1951-52 ..	1,205,421	2,493,246	1,396	2,887	46,625	5 9 4
1950-51 ..	1,150,847	2,365,177	1,366	2,808	43,585	5 5 0

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions at 30th June, 1955, 24,394 in 392 institutions; 1954, 27,397 in 387 institutions; 1953, 24,951 in 376 institutions; 1952, 24,623 in 379 institutions; 1951, 23,753 in 370 institutions.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945, and to 10s. per week from 9th November, 1948) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

From 20th June, 1950, the rate of endowment payable has been (i) where the endowee has the custody of one child only—5s. per week; (ii) where the endowee has the custody of two or more children—in respect of the elder or eldest child 5s. per week and in respect of each other child 10s. per week; and (iii) for each child in an approved institution 10s. per week.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS.(a)

State and Year.	Pensions Current at 30th June.(a)		Number of Children for whom Pensions Payable at 30th June.	Average Fort- nightly Rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during Year	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Popula- tion.			Amount.	Per Head of Popula- tion.
					£'000.	s. d.
1954-55.						
New South Wales ..	17,006	49	8,076	6 9 8	2,818	16 3
Victoria ..	9,795	39	3,966	6 6 3	1,622	13 0
Queensland ..	7,123	53	3,365	6 8 6	1,179	17 10
South Australia ..	3,287	40	1,421	6 7 3	533	13 3
Western Australia ..	2,848	43	1,090	6 4 7	451	13 11
Tasmania ..	1,409	45	723	6 10 3	238	15 2
Northern Territory	19	11	9	(b)	3	4 2
Australian Capital Territory ..	60	19	33	(c)	9	5 10
Abroad ..	..	..	..	..	9	..
Australia ..	41,547	45	18,683	6 8 2	6,862	15 1
1953-54 ..	40,726	45	18,100	6 6 8	6,626	14 11
1952-53 ..	41,028	47	17,980	6 0 0	6,334	14 6
1951-52 ..	40,758	47	17,424	5 8 2	5,615	13 2
1950-51 ..	41,962	50	17,717	4 10 10	4,828	11 8

(a) Excludes fourteen (1954-55), sixteen (1953-54), sixteen (1952-53), eleven (1951-52), and nine (1950-51), pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Homes. (b) Included in South Australia. (c) Included in New South Wales.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942. Provision is made for payment of pensions subject to income and property qualifications, to the following classes of women:—"A" Class—a widow who has one or more children under 16 years of age—£4 5s. per week; "B" Class—a widow not less than 50 years of age and without children under 16 years of age £3 7s. 6d. per week; "C" Class—a widow without children and in necessitous circumstances—£3 7s. 6d. per week for 26 weeks after husband's death, or for approximately 39 weeks in certain cases; and "D" Class—a woman whose husband has been in prison for over six months, maintaining children under 16 years or who is not less than 50 years of age—£3 7s. 6d. per week. Rates are as from 18th October 1955.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Year.	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Overseas.	Australia.
NUMBER OF CLAIMS PAID.										
1938-39..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,204	5,213	3,940	..	..	..	80,916
1950-51..	72,003	50,210	29,155	17,864	14,986	7,250	..	..	119	191,587
1951-52..	72,688	52,144	30,737	17,380	15,074	7,626	..	..	73	195,722
1952-53..	74,011	55,297	31,058	19,068	15,535	7,983	..	..	90	203,042
1953-54..	72,380	54,219	30,889	18,749	15,803	7,726	..	..	48	198,514
1954-55..	76,614	55,720	31,782	18,506	16,261	7,940	481	787	88	208,179

AMOUNT PAID. (£.)

1938-39..	167,710	110,219	70,723	37,860	28,338	21,764	..	..	..	496,614
1950-51..	1,149,164	807,030	467,673	276,509	239,343	116,465	..	..	1,335	3,057,519
1951-52..	1,182,358	835,643	489,751	283,702	241,426	122,618	..	..	1,494	3,156,992
1952-53..	1,195,046	872,085	496,982	305,264	248,925	128,125	..	..	1,878	3,248,305
1953-54..	1,173,058	874,376	496,802	301,146	253,442	125,400	..	..	1,695	3,225,919
1954-55..	1,250,268	892,301	512,445	297,284	261,129	127,502	7,435	12,551	1,392	3,362,307

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954.

(b) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

NOTE.—The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912. From 1st July, 1947, the allowances payable have been as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years, £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years, £16; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years, £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. From 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS PAID.(a)

(For particulars of persons on benefit see page 95.)

(£.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

1949-50	..	1,064,698	6,666	141,446	33,089	18,163	2,010	1,266,072
1950-51	..	25,324	7,731	22,485	350	5,360	1,194	..	..	62,444
1951-52	..	55,135	11,215	114,226	1,025	4,374	1,036	..	..	187,011
1952-53	..	2,686,297	923,732	662,099	132,042	123,732	41,845	..	..	4,569,747
1953-54	..	1,247,216	507,676	581,865	50,213	75,904	42,589	..	..	2,505,463
1954-55	..	253,974	99,305	270,416	12,386	26,709	15,952	112	584	679,438
Quarter ended—										
June, 1954		134,691	52,667	125,676	3,942	9,746	4,724	..	..	331,446
September	"	102,468	40,295	51,475	4,042	7,668	5,176	7	93	211,224
December	"	52,240	23,474	36,644	3,165	5,099	6,262	22	208	127,114
March, 1955		48,981	22,098	98,014	3,151	6,783	2,547	23	164	181,761
June	"	50,285	13,438	84,283	2,028	7,159	1,967	60	119	159,339

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1949-50	..	307,315	217,782	111,840	83,826	58,323	36,928	..	..	816,014
1950-51	..	296,418	197,719	96,540	70,770	53,911	30,358	..	..	745,716
1951-52	..	262,244	181,117	123,075	70,482	48,691	24,278	..	..	709,887
1952-53	..	546,432	370,354	208,889	133,783	84,682	49,154	..	..	1,393,294
1953-54	..	697,949	405,414	257,633	153,042	106,836	54,719	..	..	1,675,593
1954-55	..	673,235	387,452	254,982	137,117	98,868	51,716	1,559	2,913	1,607,842
Quarter ended—										
June, 1954		166,846	99,182	36,091	40,213	25,362	13,739	..	..	381,483
September	"	192,440	96,474	53,790	33,112	25,711	12,995	287	560	415,369
December	"	156,620	99,482	68,687	34,427	25,429	13,618	501	960	399,724
March, 1955		159,218	88,932	82,199	36,505	23,587	11,196	419	619	402,675
June	"	164,957	102,564	50,306	33,073	24,141	13,907	352	774	390,074

(a) In addition £424,338 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1949-50; £229,053 during 1950-51; £110,759 during 1951-52; £292,431 during 1952-53; £362,398 during 1953-54; and £352,587 during 1954-55, these amounts include payments to migrants. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

NOTE.—The Social Services Act 1947-1955 provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is £2 10s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus £2 for dependent spouse and 5s. for a dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefits is £1 10s. if under 18 years and £2 if 18 and under 21 years and 5s. for a dependent child. In certain cases £2 per week may be paid in respect of claimant's housekeeper. Rates operated from 22nd September, 1952. For unemployment benefit, allowable income means income of claimant and spouse; for sickness benefit, allowable income means income of claimant only, but excludes amounts of up to £2 per week from an approved Friendly Society. The permissible weekly income varies from 5s. for persons over 16 years of age to 20s. for adults and married persons. There is a waiting period of 7 days during which no payment is made.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment and Year.	Number of War Pensions Current at 30th June.				Average Fortnightly Rate of Pensions.							Expendi- ture during Year. (a)
	Incapac- tated Members of Forces.	Depend- ants of Incapac- tated Members of Forces.	Depend- ants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapac- tated Members of Forces.	Depend- ants of Deceased and Incapac- tated Members of Forces.	All War Pen- sioners.					
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000.				
1954-55.												
New South Wales ^b	67,975	113,282	16,902	198,159	4 10 8	1 13 4	2 13 0	15,151				
Victoria ..	56,011	92,344	13,998	162,353	4 14 6	1 14 9	2 15 4	12,660				
Queensland ..	25,063	46,063	5,197	76,323	4 18 9	1 9 11	2 12 6	5,914				
South Australia ^(c)	19,325	38,288	3,993	61,606	4 12 6	1 9 4	2 9 2	4,389				
Western Australia	17,973	32,322	3,822	54,117	4 2 6	1 9 0	2 6 9	3,800				
Tasmania ..	8,112	15,974	1,645	25,731	5 11 9	1 11 7	2 16 10	2,032				
United Kingdom	1,415	1,685	1,216	4,316	5 3 11	3 12 2	4 2 7	496				
Elsewhere ..	381	403	148	932	4 9 1	2 14 1	3 8 5	19				
Total ..	196,255	340,361	46,921	583,537	4 13 2	1 12 8	2 13 0	44,461				
1953-54 ..	192,203	324,514	46,949	563,666	4 6 9	1 11 5	2 10 4	36,797				
1952-53 ..	188,395	308,757	46,822	543,974	4 1 1	1 11 1	2 8 5	34,356				
1951-52 ..	184,848	292,952	47,015	524,815	3 13 4	1 8 9	2 4 6	31,845				
1950-51 ..	180,836	274,654	47,185	502,675	3 6 4	1 9 1	2 2 6	26,192				
1938-39 ..	77,151	144,571	27,571	249,293	1 19 10	0 16 6	1 3 8	7,819				

(a) Includes Service Pensions in 1954-55.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Service Pensions.

State of Payment and Year.	Number of Service Pensions Current at 30th June.					Average Fort- nightly Rate of Pensions.	Expendi- ture during Year. (a)	
	Age.	Permanently Unemployable.		Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuber- culosis.				Total.
		Members of Forces.	Depend- ants.	Members of Forces.	Depend- ants.			
						£ s. d.	£'000.	
1954-55.								
New South Wales(b)	4,177	1,683	1,708	191	274	8,033	5 8 9	..
Victoria ..	2,148	1,380	1,245	86	106	4,965	5 6 11	..
Queensland ..	1,821	966	851	36	50	3,724	5 11 0	..
South Australia(c)	856	614	623	22	46	2,161	5 5 4	..
Western Australia	1,290	698	624	38	42	2,692	5 6 0	..
Tasmania ..	274	214	235	6	12	741	5 0 6	..
Australia ..	10,566	5,555	5,286	379	530	22,316	5 7 9	..
1953-54 ..	9,648	5,294	5,092	321	451	20,806	5 4 2	2,695
1952-53 ..	8,703	4,971	4,780	291	432	19,177	4 16 6	2,225
1951-52 ..	7,587	4,561	4,270	269	389	17,076	4 6 9	1,778
1950-51 ..	7,456	4,492	3,911	279	374	16,512	3 13 11	1,507
1938-39 ..	3,397	3,393	4,667	619	1,032	13,108	1 5 10	407

(a) Included with War Pensions in 1954-55.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.
(Number.)

State or Territory and Year.	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	
			Average Weekly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance.

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

1953.

New South Wales(a)	..	2,533	14,989	448,914	401,679
Victoria ..	..	2,000	10,267	283,041	257,784
Queensland ..	..	1,563	6,101	(b) 176,300	155,974
South Australia ..	..	685	4,042	108,846	100,724
Western Australia ..	..	482	2,948	82,590	76,032
Tasmania ..	..	322	1,822	48,592	43,907
Northern Territory(c)	..	10	68	1,632	1,541
Australia ..	..	7,595	40,237	1,149,915	1,037,641
1952 ..	..	7,620	38,407	1,088,087	974,934
1951 ..	..	7,648	36,740	1,012,874	899,514
1950 ..	..	7,790	36,085	958,112	844,123
1949 ..	..	7,874	34,090	917,256	810,800
1939 ..	..	9,940	31,199	859,663	744,095

Non-Government Schools.(d)

1953.

New South Wales(a)	..	760	6,105	145,380	134,746
Victoria ..	..	489	3,449	109,607	(e) 100,742
Queensland ..	..	271	1,975	51,169	46,578
South Australia ..	..	148	1,057	23,631	21,318
Western Australia ..	..	229	881	26,005	24,531
Tasmania ..	..	59	418	9,885	8,863
Northern Territory(c)	..	2	13	409	378
Australia ..	..	1,958	13,898	366,086	337,156
1952 ..	..	1,926	13,714	347,831	315,796
1951 ..	..	1,890	13,251	326,258	293,429
1950 ..	..	1,870	12,909	309,673	275,562
1949 ..	..	1,843	12,526	293,306	264,164
1939 ..	..	1,863	11,496	250,860	219,171

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
ended 30th June, 1954.

(b) Enrolments at 1st August, 1953.

(c) Year

estimated.

(d) Includes all schools not wholly under Government control.

(e) Es-

UNIVERSITIES.

University or College and Year.	Teaching Staff.		Students Enrolled.	Degrees Conferred.	Total Income. (a)	Total Expenditure. (a)
	Full-time.	Part-time.				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£	£
	1954.				1953.	
Sydney	480	402	6,983	1,388	1,703,142	1,660,405
Melbourne	376	209	6,888	1,035	1,587,510	1,552,132
Queensland (Brisbane)	253	205	4,112	377	847,915	830,629
Adelaide	182	147	4,115	334	738,769	724,735
Western Australia (Perth)	113	34	1,852	209	565,314	548,930
Tasmania (Hobart)	74	14	699	75	249,277	242,383
N.S.W. University of Technology (Sydney)	279	421	4,159	81	1,237,906	1,237,906
New England (Armidale, N.S.W.)	57	16	239	..	181,262	180,854
Canberra University College	26	25	327	..	84,737	89,742
Australia	1,840	1,473	29,374	3,499	7,195,832	7,067,716
1953	1,750	1,341	28,792	3,926	7,195,832	7,067,716
1952	1,680	1,318	29,641	4,304	7,101,330	6,865,346
1951	1,549	1,533	31,671	4,498	5,720,060	5,352,421
1950	1,298	1,090	30,630	4,506	3,756,978	3,746,602
1939	609	675	14,236	1,802	989,791	974,394

(a) Since 1952 the finances relate to income and expenditure (including capital items). Prior to 1952 the figures were as presented by each university on a receipts (or income) and payments (or expenditure) basis (excluding capital items) and are not suitable for the construction of a profit and loss statement or revenue account, or for ascertaining the surplus or deficit for the year. In several cases Government subsidies relating to expenditure made in earlier years have been included in revenue.

NOTE.—In addition, the Australian National University, Canberra, A.C.T. (a Post-Graduate Research University), had in 1954 a full-time teaching staff of 97, with 71 Post-graduate scholars. In 1953 the income was £1,670,439 and the expenditure was £1,507,599 (see Note (a)).

POLICE AND PRISONS.

(Number.)

State or Territory and Year.	Police.	Prisons.	Prisoners at end of Period.
	1953.		
New South Wales	4,661	(a) 15	(a) 2,155
Victoria	3,047	10	1,173
Queensland(a)	2,403	7	617
South Australia	(a) 1,107	16	401
Western Australia(a)	936	19	360
Tasmania(a)	438	2	152
Northern Territory(a)	56	2	47
Australian Capital Territory	57	..	..
Australia	12,705	71	4,905
1952	12,375	70	4,930
1951	12,318	69	4,444
1950	11,677	71	4,089
1949	11,238	71	3,982
1939	9,566	74	3,336

(a) Year ended 30th June, 1954.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Hospitals.	Beds. (a)	Staff.		In-patients Treated. (b)	Revenue. (c)	Expenditure. (c)
			Medi-cal.	Nurs-ing.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1953-54.							
New South Wales	259	19,235	3,801	10,015	398,863	19,247	19,084
Victoria ..	114	11,286	1,862	6,460	197,343	14,902	14,905
Queensland ..	138	9,971	723	4,291	188,057	10,408	9,567
South Australia..	62	3,434	522	2,023	62,138	3,693	3,693
Western Australia	95	4,090	352	2,095	72,197	4,519	4,261
Tasmania ..	26	2,226	186	1,046	33,055	1,756	1,711
Nor. Territory ..	4	320	13	94	5,171	31	406
Aust. Cap. Terr...	1	250	28	92	4,464	258	257
Australia ..	699	50,812	7,487	26,116	961,288	54,814	53,884
1952-53	694	50,076	7,246	25,940	939,856	51,141	50,541
1951-52	675	47,328	6,889	24,556	896,020	41,217	43,328
1950-51	664	46,417	6,424	23,055	867,721	32,406	32,582
1949-50	648	45,559	5,917	22,235	823,395	24,944	26,205
1938-39	563	35,711	4,059	13,582	552,051	6,342	6,351

(a) Includes particulars, where available, of a considerable number of beds and cots for certain classes of cases in outdoor or verandah sleeping places. (b) Newborn are excluded. Out-patient cases treated at public hospitals during 1953-54 were as follows:—New South Wales, 1,083,857; Victoria 447,838; Queensland, 544,795; South Australia, 108,542; Western Australia, 104,986 (estimated); Tasmania, 106,950; Northern Territory, 55,275; and Australian Capital Territory, 6,388; Australia, 2,458,631.

(c) Excludes Loan Receipts and Expenditure for New South Wales.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

State and Year.	Hospitals.	Beds.	Staff.		Patients at end of Year.	Revenue.	Expenditure.
			Medi-cal.	Nurs-ing.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1953-54.							
New South Wales	13	12,398	(a) 45	1,969	13,169	509	4,174
Victoria(b) ..	10	7,123	64	1,700	7,936	(c) 176	(c) 4,269
Queensland(d) ..	4	4,553	11	844	4,621	15	1,407
South Australia..	2	2,624	12	399	2,644	116	922
Western Australia ^b	4	1,611	5	285	1,721	(c) 58	(c) 613
Tasmania ..	1	780	3	218	771	14	296
Australia ..	34	29,089	140	5,415	30,862	888	11,681
1952-53	33	28,546	149	5,132	30,190	866	10,714
1951-52	33	27,573	167	4,985	29,563	861	8,749
1950-51	33	27,512	138	4,826	28,932	812	6,450
1949-50	33	27,397	128	4,694	27,922	725	5,391
1938-39	35	25,654	92	4,922	26,509	263	1,904

(a) In addition there were 59 visiting paid specialists.
(d) Includes the Epileptic Home.

(b) Year 1953.

(c) Year 1953-54.

Section VIII.—Private Finance.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

Average Liabilities within Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Inter-minable Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits			Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks. (b)	Bills Payable and all other Liabilities.	Total Liabilities.
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(c)								
1951-52	..	90,595	20,093	110,688	..	2,644	8,524	121,856
1952-53	..	96,664	22,817	119,481	..	3,820	8,569	131,870
1953-54	..	120,885	35,352	156,237	..	2,034	11,766	170,037
1954-55	..	130,909	43,549	174,458	..	309	16,148	190,915
Quarter ended—								
June, 1954	..	127,291	37,994	165,285	..	323	15,479	181,087
September, "	..	125,315	41,011	166,326	..	282	15,042	181,650
December, "	..	131,285	44,135	175,420	..	330	16,133	191,883
March, 1955	..	131,406	43,311	174,717	..	320	16,642	191,679
June, "	..	135,659	45,784	181,443	..	305	16,773	198,521
Month of—								
April, 1955	..	136,398	45,485	181,883	..	303	16,808	198,994
May, "	..	135,915	45,493	181,408	..	322	16,771	198,501
June, "	..	134,862	46,257	181,119	..	293	16,747	198,159

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.

1951-52 .. ..	..	729	963,524	238,217	1,201,741	158	61,527	14,970	1,279,125
1952-53 .. ..	..	226	943,747	218,699	1,162,446	158	10,628	14,247	1,187,705
1953-54 .. ..	..	14	1,035,707	239,774	1,275,481	158	3,360	14,980	1,293,993
1954-55 .. ..	..	9	1,047,677	262,986	1,310,663	158	3,282	16,432	1,330,544
Quarter ended—									
June, 1954 .. ..	..	12	1,077,676	248,341	1,326,017	158	3,176	15,406	1,344,769
September, " ..	..	11	1,006,671	256,025	1,262,696	158	2,756	14,877	1,280,498
December, " ..	..	8	1,037,780	263,171	1,300,951	158	3,193	16,935	1,321,245
March, 1955 ..	..	8	1,086,235	266,503	1,352,738	158	3,238	17,110	1,373,252
June, " ..	..	7	1,059,259	266,260	1,325,519	158	3,938	16,845	1,346,467
Month of—									
April, 1955 .. ..	..	8	1,082,694	262,595	1,345,289	158	3,014	17,280	1,365,749
May, " ..	..	7	1,059,882	268,819	1,328,701	158	4,018	15,609	1,348,493
June, " ..	..	6	1,040,012	267,145	1,307,157	158	4,613	17,487	1,329,421

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1951-52 .. ..	..	19,336	37,445	13,369	50,814	..	504	1,478	72,132
1952-53 .. ..	..	19,286	35,848	15,302	51,150	..	622	525	71,583
1953-54 .. ..	..	19,734	39,408	15,309	54,717	..	664	454	75,569
1954-55 .. ..	..	20,520	41,415	16,069	57,484	..	554	461	79,019
Quarter ended—									
June, 1954 .. ..	..	20,240	43,619	15,962	59,581	..	438	494	80,753
September, " ..	..	20,444	41,570	15,829	57,399	..	431	382	78,656
December, " ..	..	20,471	40,169	16,033	56,202	..	555	596	77,824
March, 1955 ..	..	20,485	43,069	16,298	59,367	..	535	431	80,818
June, " ..	..	20,679	40,759	16,113	56,872	..	692	443	78,686
Month of—									
April, 1955 .. ..	..	20,576	41,809	15,928	57,737	..	719	398	79,430
May, " ..	..	20,620	40,696	15,890	56,586	..	667	515	78,388
June, " ..	..	20,809	39,969	16,439	56,408	..	690	422	78,329

ALL-CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1951-52 .. ..	..	20,065	1,091,564	271,679	1,363,243	158	64,675	24,972	1,473,113
1952-53 .. ..	..	19,512	1,076,259	256,818	1,333,077	158	15,070	23,341	1,391,158
1953-54 .. ..	..	19,748	1,196,000	290,435	1,486,435	158	6,058	27,200	1,539,599
1954-55 .. ..	..	20,529	1,220,001	322,604	1,542,605	158	4,145	33,041	1,600,478
Quarter ended—									
June, 1954 .. ..	..	20,252	1,248,586	302,297	1,550,883	158	3,937	31,379	1,606,609
September, " ..	..	20,455	1,173,550	312,865	1,486,421	158	3,469	30,301	1,540,804
December, " ..	..	20,479	1,209,234	323,339	1,532,573	158	4,078	33,664	1,590,952
March, 1955 ..	..	20,493	1,260,710	326,112	1,586,822	158	4,093	34,183	1,645,749
June, " ..	..	20,686	1,235,677	328,157	1,563,834	158	4,935	34,061	1,623,674
Month of—									
April, 1955 .. ..	..	20,584	1,260,901	324,008	1,584,909	158	4,036	34,486	1,644,173
May, " ..	..	20,627	1,236,493	330,202	1,566,695	158	5,007	32,895	1,625,382
June, " ..	..	20,815	1,214,843	329,841	1,544,684	158	5,596	34,656	1,605,909

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on weekly balance days in periods. (b) Includes short term loans from Central Bank. (c) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

Cheque-paying Banks—continued.
Average Assets within Australia.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Cash and Cash Balances.(b)	Special Account with C'wealth Bank.	Balances with other Banks. (c)	Australian Public Securities.		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(d)									
1951-52	6,581	..	994	26,392	13,274	2	76,407	3,230	126,880
1952-53	8,784	21,731	1,600	17,239	25,840	92	59,492	3,984	138,762
1953-54	11,000	34,800	787	23,404	29,924	1,284	69,204	4,360	174,763
1954-55	10,456	36,061	870	12,260	38,165	1,606	89,138	5,675	194,231
Quarter ended—									
June, 1954 ..	11,767	39,265	931	15,131	35,078	1,383	73,964	4,764	182,283
September, " ..	9,914	38,496	749	10,327	35,826	1,543	83,096	5,024	184,975
December, " ..	10,299	36,291	925	14,166	39,409	1,604	86,033	5,580	194,307
March, 1955 ..	11,130	34,950	859	13,093	37,878	1,632	90,265	5,846	195,653
June, " ..	10,463	34,527	951	11,600	39,642	1,643	96,922	6,245	201,993
Month of—									
April, 1955 ..	9,153	34,950	1,021	14,575	39,617	1,633	93,979	6,326	201,254
May, " ..	10,366	34,950	871	12,000	39,577	1,635	97,845	6,321	203,568
June, " ..	11,589	33,850	958	8,900	39,713	1,655	98,539	6,120	201,324

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.

1951-52	60,589	465,991	29,140	32,402	68,416	1,124	621,435	33,151	1,312,248
1952-53	74,712	211,737	22,580	123,059	86,513	2,313	638,092	29,693	1,188,699
1953-54	71,244	285,226	17,346	99,368	130,306	3,588	658,534	36,549	1,302,161
1954-55	66,908	269,117	18,436	51,602	121,927	3,425	776,762	48,925	1,357,102
Quarter ended—									
June, 1954 ..	68,726	321,076	19,464	71,088	136,843	5,146	694,544	40,881	1,357,768
September, " ..	65,329	295,384	16,387	29,112	120,163	4,912	741,563	44,912	1,317,762
December, " ..	67,466	267,012	19,334	41,167	115,034	2,935	788,977	46,845	1,343,770
March, 1955 ..	73,148	259,613	18,717	89,404	125,176	2,536	773,074	50,381	1,392,049
June, " ..	61,734	254,296	19,377	45,923	126,805	3,280	808,986	53,401	1,373,802
Month of—									
April, 1955 ..	59,236	259,629	19,991	65,875	130,367	2,549	795,750	52,382	1,385,779
May, " ..	59,605	259,603	17,298	48,625	126,050	3,230	811,333	53,288	1,379,082
June, " ..	65,436	245,783	20,550	27,800	124,561	3,905	817,656	54,305	1,359,996

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1951-52	5,104	2,612	1,800	2,925	14,880	111	61,816	5,423	94,671
1952-53	4,640	1,153	2,176	3,911	13,874	149	64,731	3,792	94,426
1953-54	5,091	1,090	2,409	7,326	13,977	432	65,982	3,815	100,122
1954-55	4,586	1,108	2,198	5,641	13,972	701	72,189	4,923	105,318
Quarter ended—									
June, 1954 ..	4,839	1,117	2,187	10,756	14,206	902	66,883	4,500	105,440
September, " ..	4,773	1,117	2,220	6,392	14,333	1,058	69,387	5,002	104,282
December, " ..	4,680	1,117	2,480	4,388	14,343	698	72,173	4,349	104,223
March, 1955 ..	4,656	1,107	2,442	6,728	13,730	526	72,781	5,158	107,128
June, " ..	4,242	1,091	1,670	4,961	13,511	523	74,415	5,137	105,550
Month of—									
April, 1955 ..	3,648	1,091	1,652	6,237	13,513	519	74,154	5,309	106,123
May, " ..	4,110	1,091	1,490	4,875	13,506	530	74,396	5,332	105,330
June, " ..	4,823	1,091	1,829	4,010	13,513	520	74,639	4,842	105,267

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1951-52	72,274	468,603	31,934	61,719	96,570	1,237	759,658	41,804	1,533,799
1952-53	88,136	334,621	26,356	144,209	126,227	2,554	762,315	37,469	1,421,887
1953-54	87,335	321,116	20,542	130,098	174,207	5,304	793,720	46,724	1,577,046
1954-55	81,950	306,236	21,504	69,503	174,064	5,732	938,589	59,523	1,656,651
Quarter ended—									
June, 1954 ..	85,382	361,458	22,582	96,975	186,127	7,431	835,391	50,145	1,645,491
September, " ..	80,016	334,997	19,356	45,831	170,322	7,513	894,046	54,938	1,607,019
December, " ..	82,445	304,420	22,739	59,721	168,786	5,237	942,133	56,774	1,642,305
March, 1955 ..	88,934	295,670	22,018	109,225	176,784	4,694	936,120	61,385	1,694,830
June, " ..	76,439	289,914	21,998	62,484	179,958	5,446	980,323	64,783	1,681,345
Month of—									
April, 1955 ..	72,037	295,670	22,664	86,687	183,497	4,701	963,883	64,017	1,693,156
May, " ..	74,081	295,644	19,659	65,500	179,133	5,398	933,624	64,941	1,687,980
June, " ..	81,848	280,724	23,337	40,710	177,787	6,080	990,834	65,267	1,666,587

(a) Averages of assets at close of business on weekly balance days in periods. (b) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank. (c) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks. (d) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments—Average Weekly Assets.
(£'000.)

Period.	Advances.					Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.
	Rural Credits Department.	Mortgage Bank Department.	Industrial Finance Department.		Total.		
			Hire Purchase	Other.			
1951-52	19,653	4,153	15,480	8,666	47,952	63	463
1952-53	44,863	4,267	14,847	8,145	72,122	469	946
1953-54	43,183	4,528	16,631	4,749	69,091	628	1,745
1954-55	62,316	4,837	17,015	6,717	90,885	747	2,146
Quarter ended—							
June, 1954 ..	64,426	4,646	16,696	5,066	90,834	700	2,112
September, ..	56,915	4,686	16,896	6,134	84,631	885	1,859
December, ..	45,102	4,761	17,308	6,344	73,515	825	1,926
March, 1955 ..	73,190	4,900	17,103	6,367	101,560	754	2,265
June,	72,732	4,966	16,777	7,996	102,501	531	2,518
Month of							
April, 1955 ..	81,700	5,049	16,722	7,372	110,843	688	2,518
May,	74,427	5,034	16,746	8,218	104,425	575	2,518
June,	64,202	4,923	16,846	8,318	94,289	370	2,518

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department).

(Averages of weekly figures.)

(£A'000.)

Period.		Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Li- abilities (excluding Capital and Reserve Funds).	Gold and Balances Held Abroad.	Govern- ment and Other Securi- ties (includ- ing Treas- ury Bills).
		Held by—		Total.					
		Banks.	Public.						
1951-52	.. ..	38,087	255,552	293,639	468,800	31,112	270,937	470,644	503,089
1952-53	.. ..	36,860	281,332	318,192	212,890	45,447	287,361	363,576	434,771
1953-54	.. ..	38,539	299,684	338,223	306,820	41,731	283,397	512,615	407,979
1954-55	.. ..	40,913	316,110	357,023	306,286	36,795	243,468	415,896	459,839
Quarter ended—									
June,	1954 ..	39,213	305,801	345,014	361,459	41,534	261,724	532,358	406,769
September,	.. ..	38,678	309,206	347,884	334,997	37,198	250,973	455,946	456,168
December,	.. ..	41,121	316,310	357,431	304,420	36,938	245,132	423,025	471,385
March,	1955 ..	42,450	316,415	358,865	295,670	41,892	244,140	408,009	452,049
June,	.. ..	41,418	322,524	363,942	289,914	31,161	233,754	377,151	460,643
Month of—									
April,	1955 ..	42,550	324,277	366,827	295,670	26,245	231,946	382,185	446,741
May,	.. ..	41,312	320,827	362,139	295,644	28,667	234,652	375,795	462,697
June,	.. ..	40,596	322,481	363,077	280,724	37,090	234,483	374,208	470,121

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

(£'000.)

Denomination.	26th June, 1939.	25th June, 1952.	24th June, 1953.	30th June, 1954.	27th April, 1955.	25th May, 1955.	29th June, 1955.
10s.	4,124	9,495	9,812	9,860	10,346	10,260	10,219
£1	20,776	67,894	67,622	63,745	70,323	68,586	63,116
£5	11,580	140,959	159,055	169,496	180,749	178,190	177,550
£20	5,147	83,438	91,674	95,033	104,886	104,927	106,099
£10	104	7	6	6	5	5	5
£50	1,285	57	53	50	49	49	49
£100	2,306	61	60	56	54	54	54
£1,000	2,208	810	386	581	910	506	735
Held by Banks	14,829	37,478	35,636	37,635	44,174	41,416	39,306
" Public	32,701	265,243	293,032	306,192	323,153	321,161	323,521
Total	47,530	302,721	328,668	343,827	367,327	362,577	362,827

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.

(£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
ALL SAVINGS BANKS.(a)									
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1952 ..	304,532	300,832	102,661	103,726	47,171	30,119	1,036	1,821	891,898
1953 ..	319,149	319,971	109,360	113,875	49,794	32,078	1,116	2,154	947,497
1954 ..	339,796	339,781	117,406	122,949	52,614	33,947	1,308	2,328	1,010,129
1955 ..	358,645	364,748	124,814	131,692	53,629	35,809	1,482	2,575	1,073,394
June, 1954	339,796	339,781	117,406	122,949	52,614	33,947	1,308	2,328	1,010,129
Sept., "	344,311	346,584	121,447	125,483	53,065	34,869	1,325	2,468	1,029,552
Dec., "	347,839	350,923	123,426	126,513	52,875	34,722	1,360	2,471	1,040,129
Mar., 1955	350,879	354,517	122,164	128,523	52,522	35,099	1,362	2,491	1,047,557
Apr., 1955	352,522	356,719	122,538	128,943	52,672	35,341	1,394	2,531	1,052,660
May, "	351,370	357,326	122,109	128,862	52,490	35,417	1,429	2,543	1,051,546
June, "	358,645	364,748	124,814	131,692	53,629	35,809	1,482	2,575	1,073,394

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK.

June—									
1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1952 ..	304,532	76,485	102,661	22,502	47,171	11,406	1,036	1,821	567,614
1953 ..	319,149	85,137	109,360	25,483	49,794	12,170	1,116	2,154	604,363
1954 ..	339,796	94,174	117,406	28,192	52,614	12,869	1,308	2,328	648,687
1955 ..	358,645	104,597	124,814	30,547	53,629	13,764	1,482	2,575	690,053
June, 1954	339,796	94,174	117,406	28,192	52,614	12,869	1,308	2,328	648,687
Sept., "	344,311	97,209	121,447	29,042	53,065	13,178	1,325	2,468	662,045
Dec., "	347,839	99,134	123,426	29,382	52,875	13,270	1,360	2,471	669,757
Mar., 1955	350,879	101,392	122,164	29,810	52,522	13,334	1,362	2,491	673,954
Apr., 1955	352,522	102,249	122,538	29,878	52,672	13,450	1,394	2,531	677,234
May, "	351,370	102,383	122,109	29,894	52,490	13,509	1,429	2,543	675,727
June, "	358,645	104,597	124,814	30,547	53,629	13,764	1,482	2,575	690,053

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

NOTE.—Sales of War Savings and Savings Certificates were discontinued after 31st January, 1949, except for sales to wind up savings groups, &c. The net amount outstanding at the end of June, 1955, was £26,615,275.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS—AVERAGE WEEKLY DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at Capital City Branches.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
1951-52 ..	156,602	142,358	41,516	30,792	21,810	8,872	471	402,421
1952-53 ..	151,938	131,998	43,796	30,063	22,091	8,850	580	389,316
1953-54 ..	171,709	154,885	51,032	32,802	25,339	9,938	775	446,480
1954-55 ..	187,471	176,165	53,873	36,287	26,247	10,716	821	491,580
Quarter ended—								
June, 1954 ..	182,395	171,397	54,252	35,477	26,265	11,048	834	481,668
September, "	177,533	162,532	53,251	33,885	25,321	10,049	684	463,255
December, "	190,536	173,111	55,567	36,473	26,520	10,387	786	498,380
March, 1955	182,946	181,190	51,719	36,799	26,961	10,579	861	491,055
June, "	198,869	182,826	54,955	37,992	26,187	11,849	954	513,632
Month of—								
April, 1955 ..	185,478	174,623	51,402	36,058	25,601	10,706	944	484,817
May, "	203,283	191,690	56,498	39,311	28,211	12,093	999	532,085
June, "	206,050	182,293	56,562	38,485	25,035	12,569	927	521,921

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, 30th JUNE, 1955.

Particulars.	Rate per Annum.	Date from which Operated.	Previous Rate per Annum.
	Per cent.		Per cent.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia—			
Rural Credits Department—Government Guaranteed Loans ..	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	1.8.52	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
—Other	4	1.8.52	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mortgage Bank Department Loans—			
5 to 20 years	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.8.52	4
Over 20 years	4 $\frac{3}{8}$	1.8.52	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
Industrial Finance Department—Term Loans ..	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	1.8.52	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
Commonwealth Savings Bank—			
Loans to Local Government Authorities ..	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 4 $\frac{7}{8}$	23.10.52	4 $\frac{11}{16}$ to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Crédit Foncier Housing Loans	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.8.52	3 $\frac{7}{8}$
Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia(a)—			
Overdraft—General	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	1.8.52	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
Local Government Authorities ..	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.8.52	4
Other Trading Banks—Overdraft (Maximum Rate)	5	1.8.52	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Life Assurance Companies—Loans on own policies	5 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.4.54	5
Commonwealth Loans—Long Term	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	25.11.52	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Treasury Bills (Discount Rates)	1	1.8.52	$\frac{3}{4}$
Fixed Deposits with Trading Banks—			
3 months	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.1.55	1
6 months	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.1.55	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
12 months	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	1.1.55	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
24 months	2	1.1.55	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ (b)
Savings Banks—Deposits other than Fixed Deposits—			
Commonwealth Savings Bank—			
£1 to £500	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.1.55	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
£501 to £1,500 (c)	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.8.52	1
State Savings Bank of Victoria—			
£1 to £500	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.1.55	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
£501 to £1,500 (c)	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.8.52	1
Savings Bank of South Australia—			
£1 to £750	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.1.55	(d)
£751 to £1,500 (c)	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.1.55	(d)
Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston—£1 to £450	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1.1.55	2 $\frac{1}{2}$

(a) Rates quoted prior to 3rd December, 1953, are for the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (c) No interest is payable

on amounts in excess of £1,500 except on deposits in Friendly and other Society accounts. The current rates for these accounts are—On amounts up to £2,000, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; £2,001 and over, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

(d) Prior to 1st January, 1955, interest rates payable by the Savings Bank of South Australia were as follows :—Deposits £1–£500, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; £501–£1,500, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Trading Banks—						C'wealth. Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate of Interest).	Treasury Bills (Dis- count Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales —Urban Securities. (c)
	Fixed Deposits.				Overdrafts.				Short- dated 2 Years. (b)	Long- dated 12 Years. (b)	
	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.	C'wealth. Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.					
1938-39 ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.25	(d)	2.00	1.75	(e)3.67	(e)3.84	5.5
1950-51 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(f)1.50	(g)4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	1.99	3.21	4.4
1951-52 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	2.05	3.95	4.4
1952-53 ..	0.96	1.21	1.46	1.73	4.71	4.96	2.23	0.98	3.03	4.54	4.7
1953-54 ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55 ..	1.13	1.38	1.63	1.88	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.49	4.50	5.3
Month of—											
June, 1954	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.42	4.40	5.0
Sept., "	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.56	4.48	5.1
Dec., "	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.45	4.51	5.3
Mar., 1955	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	3.49	4.53	5.5
Apr., 1955	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	3.55	4.53	5.4
May, "	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	3.61	4.49	5.5
June, "	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	3.74	4.53	5.5

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (c) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (d) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. (e) Weighted averages for loans maturing in (i) under 5 years, and (ii) over 10 years, for last Wednesday in month. Calculated when loans above par or earliest date of maturity. (f) From December, 1945, to July, 1952, 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess, and from 1st August, 1952, 1.75 per cent. on first £10,000 deposit; 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess. (g) Since July, 1940, rate for Municipal and Semi-Governmental Authorities, 0.25 per cent lower.

OVERSEA EXCHANGE RATES : AVERAGE TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER SELLING RATES—SYDNEY ON OVERSEA COUNTRIES.

Country.	Basis of Quotation.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	June, 1954.	June, 1955.
United Kingdom ..	£A. to £100 Eng.	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50
South Africa ..	£A. to £100 S.A.	125.55	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79
New Zealand ..	£A. to £100 N.Z.	100.59	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54
Fiji ..	£A. to £100 F.	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00
United States of America	Dollars to £A.1	3.76	2.23	2.24	2.23	2.24	2.22
Canada ..	Dollars to £A.1	3.78	2.16	2.19	2.17	2.20	2.18
Belgium ..	Francs to £A.1	110.94	110.72	110.88	110.60	111.15	110.71
Denmark ..	Kroner to £A.1	17.78	15.30	15.34	15.36	15.39	15.35
France ..	Francs to £A.1	141.21	781.16	777.96	776.71	779.06	775.56
Holland ..	Florins to £A.1	6.94	8.40	8.34	8.42	8.43	8.43
Philippines ..	Pesos to £A.1	7.53	4.42	4.46	4.45	4.46	4.44
Norway ..	Kroner to £A.1	15.80	15.82	15.83	15.84	15.84	15.84
Noumea ..	Francs to £A.1	(a)	138.94	138.65	138.61	138.61	138.61
Sweden ..	Kronor to £A.1	15.41	11.51	11.49	11.51	11.49	11.46
Switzerland ..	Francs to £A.1	16.59	9.68	9.69	9.71	9.70	9.70
Hong Kong ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	18.88	18.83	18.83	18.84	18.84	18.84
India ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	22.60	22.77	22.76	22.73	22.73	22.73
Pakistan ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(b)	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69
Ceylon ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(c)	22.81	22.81	22.80	22.81	22.81
Singapore ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	35.22	35.40	35.30	35.42	35.31	35.47

(a) Not available. (b) Pakistan created separate Dominion from 15th August, 1947. Previously part of India. (c) Ceylon created separate Dominion from 4th February, 1946. Quotations previously same as India.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS IN AUSTRALIA.

EXCLUDES BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND THE QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE.

New Policies Issued and Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(a)

Period.	New Policies Issued.					Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(b)				
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.		No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.	
1939	135,511	£'000. 46,635	385,498	£'000. 18,542	65,177	76,917	£'000. 24,094	262,096	£'000. 12,132	36,226
1951-52	283,280	221,572	278,594	33,804	255,376	110,274	59,272	229,652	16,641	75,913
1952-53	283,718	225,944	274,232	35,347	261,291	117,886	67,157	250,106	19,081	86,238
1953-54	284,544	254,129	239,692	32,575	286,704	143,925	81,319	262,723	20,597	101,916
1954-55	282,059	293,189	220,979	32,809	325,998	149,683	94,769	275,830	22,539	117,308
Quarter ended—										
June, 1954 ..	72,194	66,106	62,518	8,629	74,735	36,071	21,545	62,979	4,959	26,504
September, ..	83,310	81,445	69,555	10,052	91,497	39,698	23,640	68,421	5,174	28,814
December, ..	76,874	80,502	53,131	8,020	88,522	38,240	22,812	74,276	6,096	28,908
March, 1955 ..	50,478	49,470	40,920	5,948	55,418	34,601	22,409	65,053	5,611	28,020
June,	71,397	81,772	57,373	8,789	90,561	37,144	25,908	68,080	5,658	31,566
Month of—										
April, 1955 ..	19,535	20,160	17,156	2,688	22,848	11,356	8,059	21,660	1,896	9,955
May,	24,860	31,267	19,992	2,982	34,249	12,393	8,579	23,033	1,887	10,466
June,	27,002	30,345	20,225	3,119	33,464	13,395	9,270	23,387	1,875	11,145

(a) Excludes annuity policies. (b) Includes policies which became due for payment on account of death or maturity, policies surrendered and policies discontinued for other causes.

Premiums Received, Amounts Paid on Claims, Surrenders, &c., and New Loans Granted.
(£'000.)

Period.	Premiums.(a)			Claims, &c., Paid.(b)			New Loans Granted.(c)
	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	
1939	13,732	6,490	20,222	10,024	3,632	13,656	(d)
1951-52	43,817	13,224	57,041	17,287	6,558	23,845	47,555
1952-53	50,237	13,761	63,998	18,911	7,426	26,337	36,136
1953-54	56,162	14,076	70,238	21,158	8,058	29,216	34,463
1954-55	62,101	14,616	76,717	23,791	8,853	32,644	51,825
Quarter ended—							
June, 1954 ..	15,688	3,500	19,188	5,410	2,113	7,523	9,664
September, ..	15,405	3,707	19,112	6,273	2,308	8,581	10,563
December, ..	15,092	4,014	19,106	6,112	2,177	8,289	13,395
March, 1955 ..	13,991	3,114	17,105	5,218	2,109	7,327	11,804
June,	17,611	3,781	21,392	6,188	2,259	8,447	16,063
Month of—							
April, 1955 ..	4,750	1,162	5,912	1,849	666	2,515	4,875
May,	6,112	1,260	7,372	2,157	798	2,955	4,327
June,	6,749	1,359	8,108	2,182	795	2,977	6,861

(a) Includes consideration for annuities. (b) Includes claims paid on maturity, amounts paid on surrender of policy, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (c) Excludes advances of premiums. (d) Not available.

Section IX.—Transport and Communication.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of shipping for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, pages 39-49.

OVERSEA SHIPPING—ENTRANCES AND CLEARANCES, AUSTRALIA.

Year.		Entrances.				Clearances.			
		With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.		With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.	
		No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.
1938-39	..	1,372	5,964	1,876	6,711	1,490	5,990	1,938	6,835
1949-50	..	1,726	7,972	1,942	8,716	1,480	6,209	1,965	8,662
1950-51	..	1,769	8,200	1,911	8,601	1,430	6,169	1,992	8,707
1951-52	..	1,880	8,580	2,038	8,973	1,423	6,118	2,098	9,252
1952-53	..	1,546	7,312	1,988	8,704	1,582	6,522	2,053	8,867
1953-54	..	1,647	7,736	2,054	8,882	1,507	6,179	2,074	8,854
1954-55	..	1,943	9,162	2,237	9,939	1,491	6,157	2,260	10,064

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped. (‘000.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 1 ton measurement = 40 cubic feet. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory, and Year.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE, 1954.								
New South Wales ..	3,991	414	2,603	1,148	3,685	433	1,631	375
Victoria ..	2,216	344	2,871	943	462	423	856	493
Queensland ..	348	352	825	212	436	120	1,171	123
South Australia ..	1,707	187	942	291	3,443	227	1,499	106
Western Australia ..	290	257	1,036	181	653	97	503	134
Tasmania ..	477	236	199	37	423	239	103	124
Northern Territory ..	30	..	44	..	3	..	2	..
Australia ..	9,059	1,790	8,520	2,812	9,105	1,539	5,765	1,355

TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE, 1955.

New South Wales	..	4,511	350	3,126	1,329	3,629	399	1,177	452
Victoria	..	2,223	354	3,937	1,286	883	423	1,264	556
Queensland	..	407	329	927	185	518	116	1,286	122
South Australia	..	1,898	182	965	359	3,811	193	1,324	123
Western Australia	..	431	238	1,758	207	874	99	898	110
Tasmania	..	630	168	238	36	493	242	133	56
Northern Territory	..	36	..	41	..	4	..	1	1
Australia	..	10,136	1,621	10,992	3,402	10,212	1,472	6,083	1,420
Total 1953-54	..	9,059	1,790	8,520	2,812	9,105	1,539	5,765	1,355
" 1952-53	..	8,995	1,492	7,733	1,929	8,447	1,275	6,045	1,452
" 1951-52	..	7,972	1,638	9,727	4,682	7,697	1,325	4,487	1,231
" 1950-51	..	6,980	1,612	9,084	3,989	6,723	1,326	5,405	1,295
" 1949-50	..	6,447	1,520	7,686	3,576	6,419	1,207	5,061	1,388
" 1948-49	..	6,690	1,451	5,849	2,572	6,230	1,173	5,423	1,366
" 1938-39	..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 30th JUNE, 1955.

(These rates are expressed in sterling.)

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

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FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

Sugar (Refined)	266s.	per ton weight.
Jams	131s. 6d.	per ton measurement.
Jellies	166s. 6d.	" " "
Dried Fruits	131s. 6d.	" " "
Fruits, Fresh (Refrigerator)—		
Apples	10s. 3d.	per bushel case.
Citrus	10s. 3d.	" " "
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—		
Wheat—		
Bulk	125s.	per ton weight.
Bagged	125s.	" " "
Barley	140s.	" " "
Oats	162s. 6d.	" " "
Maize	145s.	" " "
Grain and Pulse, prepared—		
Flour, Wheaten	140s.	" " "
Bran	160s.	" " "
Pollard	152s. 6d.	" " "
Eelce (clean, husked)	145s.	" " "

WINE	166s. 6d. per ton measurement.
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ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—					
Calf	..	..	..	..	1d. per lb.
Sheep	..	..	..	..	1 1/2d. " "
Rabbit	..	..	..	..	4d. " "
Other	..	..	..	..	4d. " "
Pearl-shell	..	..	..	..	166s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Wool—					
Greasy	..	..	..	..	2.76d. per lb. less 7%.
Scoured and Washed	..	..	..	..	3.48d. " "
Tops	..	..	..	..	3.31d. " lb. (net).

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder	166s. 6d. per ton weight.
Bark, Tanning	168s. 6d. " " "
Copra	271s. 6d. " " "
Raw Cotton (in bales)	23d. per lb.

APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—

Apparel and Attire (Effects)	..	..	..	..	260s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Binder Twine	..	..	..	..	293s. per ton weight.

OILS, FATS AND WAXES—

Oils—					
Eucalyptus	..	..	..	..	.. 166s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Other	..	..	..	..	.. 166s. 6d. per ton weight.
Tallow, Unrefined	..	..	..	..	.. 188s. " "

PAINTS AND VARNISHES

.. 166s. 6d. per ton measurement.

**Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and
Continent at 30th June, 1955—continued.**

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—

Ore in Casks, Bags or Drums	..	..	..	110s. per ton weight.
Zinc—				
<i>Ez</i> Risdon	..	..	..	68s. 6d. " " "
Other than above	..	..	..	88s. 6d. " " "
Dust (in cases)	..	..	..	392s. 6d. " " "
Sheet (in cases)	..	..	..	172s. " " "
Copper (ingots)	..	..	..	161s. 6d. " " "
Lead	..	..	..	88s. 6d. " " "
Steel—				
Billets (up to 30 feet)	..	..	..	130s. " " "
Tyres	..	..	..	148s. " " "
Tin Clippings hydraulically pressed	..	..	..	83s. 6d. " " "

RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—

Rubber	..	..	..	150s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Leather	..	..	..	365s. 6d. per ton weight.

WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—

Timber—				
Logs up to 40-ft. lengths	..	..	..	77s. 5d. per 100 super. feet.
" over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths	..	..	..	83s. 2d. " " "
" over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths	..	..	..	89s. 4d. " " "
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths	..	..	..	45s. 7d. " " "

EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA AND GLASS 166s. 6d. per ton measurement.

STATIONERY 166s. 6d. " " "

DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—

Fertilizers	166s. 6d. " " weight
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MISCELLANEOUS—

Soap	166s. 6d. " " measurement
Casein	263s. 6d. " " weight

SPECIE 15s. per cent

**INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES,
GENERAL CARGO, 30th June, 1955.**

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

(These rates are expressed in Australian currency unless otherwise footnoted.)

To—	From—				
	Brisbane.	Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Sydney.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Brisbane	..	133 0	..	152 6	..
Sydney	131 6	..
Melbourne	..	131 6	..	..	..
Adelaide	..	145 6	..	116 0	..
Fremantle	..	163 6	..	155 6	..
Hobart	..	127 6	..	114 0	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	..	127 6	..	100 0	..
Auckland(c)	..	135 0	218 1(d)	135 0	255 6
Wellington(c)	..	135 0(d)	..	135 0(d)	255 6(d)
Lyttleton(c)	..	135 0	218 1(d)	135 0	255 6
Dunedin(c)	..	135 0	218 1(d)	135 0	255 6
New Hebrides—Vila	..	260 0	..	..	285 0
Norfolk Island	..	240 0	..	..	265 0
Papua—					
Port Moresby	..	205 0	..	205 0	205 0
Samarai	..	205 0	..	205 0	205 0
Territory of New Guinea—					
Lae and Madang	..	235 0	..	235 0	235 0
Rabaul	..	215 0	..	215 0	215 0

(a) Plus 16s. per ton if trans-shipped. (b) Trans-shipped at Sydney. (c) Rates expressed in sterling. (d) Includes Wellington Harbour Improvement Charges.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Government Railways for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, pages 5-20.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

System.	1938-39.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
ROUTE-MILEAGE OPEN AT END OF YEAR.						
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,113	6,113	6,113	6,113	6,101
Victoria ..	4,759	4,687	4,686	4,694	4,660	4,482
Queensland(a) ..	6,567	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,560
South Australia ..	2,557	2,553	2,553	2,553	2,553	2,564
Western Australia ..	4,378	4,252	4,228	4,113	4,108	4,111
Tasmania ..	658	613	613	613	613	614
Australia ..	27,234	26,979	26,954	26,847	26,808	26,633

TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES.(b)
(‘000.)

Commonwealth ..	902	1,670	1,841	1,889	1,738	1,953
New South Wales ..	30,106	(c) 41,369	(c) 38,112	(c) 40,012	36,289	37,506
Victoria ..	17,890	17,550	14,575	16,973	17,690	18,303
Queensland(a) ..	13,927	(d) 17,674	(d) 18,562	(d) 18,652	18,563	19,241
South Australia ..	6,177	6,356	6,379	6,943	7,199	7,359
Western Australia ..	6,575	6,733	7,136	6,802	5,255	7,204
Tasmania ..	1,906	2,080	2,071	2,092	1,990	1,898
Australia ..	77,483	93,432	88,676	93,363	88,724	93,464

PASSENGER-JOURNEYS.
(‘000.)

Commonwealth ..	117	194	186	191	190	224
New South Wales ..	186,720	258,183	268,567	268,168	271,699	278,904
Victoria ..	142,124	182,101	141,313	165,131	162,857	166,106
Queensland(a) ..	24,639	32,366	34,145	35,029	35,819	35,879
South Australia ..	17,529	17,385	17,177	18,269	17,565	17,605
Western Australia ..	11,415	11,188	11,543	10,536	6,339	8,678
Tasmania ..	2,297	3,231	3,182	3,186	3,151	3,285
Australia ..	384,841	504,648	476,113	500,510	497,620	510,681

GOODS AND LIVESTOCK CARRIED.
(‘000 tons.)

Commonwealth ..	186	549	591	694	660	762
New South Wales (d) ..	15,417	16,997	18,324	19,817	19,121	20,140
Victoria ..	5,976	9,125	7,539	9,204	9,192	9,200
Queensland(a) ..	5,234	6,943	7,182	6,823	7,351	8,081
South Australia ..	2,640	3,692	3,794	4,351	4,543	4,891
Western Australia ..	2,859	2,843	3,033	3,063	2,619	3,206
Tasmania ..	844	770	861	889	897	968
Australia ..	33,156	40,919	41,324	44,841	44,383	47,248

(a) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge line. (b) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" locomotive mileages. (c) Estimated. (d) Partly estimated.

Government Railways—continued.

System.	1938-39.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
GROSS REVENUE.(a) (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	547	1,875	2,153	2,925	2,710	3,402
New South Wales ..	19,146	40,122	49,448	68,910	72,676	74,569
Victoria ..	9,274	20,355	18,651	24,186	31,864	35,707
Queensland(b) ..	7,798	15,988	19,772	23,358	25,985	30,223
South Australia ..	3,119	6,512	7,315	9,457	11,891	12,718
Western Australia ..	3,599	6,292	6,969	8,885	7,667	11,111
Tasmania ..	487	1,049	1,336	1,797	2,039	2,133
Australia ..	43,970	92,193	105,644	139,518	154,832	169,863

WORKING EXPENSES. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	642	1,979	2,434	2,808	2,728	2,897
New South Wales ..	14,543	39,280	49,168	64,020	66,452	68,197
Victoria ..	8,060	19,984	20,810	29,612	34,008	35,951
Queensland(b) ..	6,193	15,857	19,427	24,646	27,979	29,103
South Australia ..	2,931	8,440	9,992	13,505	15,013	14,934
Western Australia ..	2,911	7,387	8,932	11,016	12,510	14,298
Tasmania ..	678	1,728	2,009	2,567	2,864	2,804
Australia ..	35,958	94,655	112,772	148,174	161,554	168,184

NET REVENUE. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	— 95	— 104	— 281	117	— 18	505
New South Wales ..	4,603	842	280	4,890	6,224	6,372
Victoria ..	1,214	371	— 2,159	— 5,426	— 2,144	— 244
Queensland(b) ..	1,605	131	345	— 1,288	— 1,994	1,120
South Australia ..	188	— 1,928	— 2,677	— 4,048	— 3,122	— 2,216
Western Australia ..	688	— 1,095	— 1,963	— 2,131	— 4,843	— 3,187
Tasmania ..	— 191	— 679	— 673	— 770	— 825	— 671
Australia ..	8,012	— 2,462	— 7,128	— 8,656	— 6,722	1,679

RATIO OF WORKING EXPENSES TO GROSS REVENUE.
(PER CENT.)

Commonwealth ..	117.43	105.53	113.04	95.99	100.66	85.14
New South Wales ..	75.96	97.90	99.43	92.90	91.44	91.45
Victoria ..	86.91	98.18	111.58	122.43	106.73	100.68
Queensland(b) ..	79.42	99.18	98.26	105.51	103.67	96.30
South Australia ..	93.97	129.61	136.60	142.81	126.26	117.42
Western Australia ..	80.90	117.40	128.17	123.98	163.18	128.68
Tasmania ..	139.18	164.73	150.35	142.81	140.44	131.48
Australia ..	81.78	102.67	106.74	106.20	104.34	99.01

(a) Excludes Government Grants.
Uniform Gauge line.

(b) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

Government Railways—continued.

(The table on this page is prepared from quarterly statements supplied by each Government Railway, and figures therein are not completely comparable with those shown in preceding pages which are derived, in the main, from the Annual Reports of the Government Railways.)

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.(b)	Tas.	Total.
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1954.								
Route Miles open ..	2,201	6,113	4,660	6,491	2,553	4,108	613	26,739
Train-miles '000	1,466	31,600	13,674	14,096	5,520	5,362	1,409	73,127
Revenue £'000								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)	614	15,567	8,277	3,845	1,388	949	159	30,799
Goods, including Live- stock and Minerals	1,701	33,723	16,995	17,775	7,437	6,783	1,383	90,797
Miscellaneous ..	203	(c) 629	1,538	(d)	652	415	52	(e) 3,481
Total Revenue ..	2,518	(f) 54,919	26,810	21,620	9,477	8,147	1,594	125,085
Working Expenses £'000	2,179	48,114	26,237	21,366	10,792	10,212	(g) 1,932	120,832
Net Revenue .. £'000	339	6,805	573	254	1,315	2,065	338	4,253
Ratio of Working Ex- penses to Revenue %	86.55	87.61	97.86	98.82	113.88	125.35	121.21	96.59
Revenue per Train-mile	34s. 4d.	34s. 9d.	39s. 3d.	30s. 8d.	34s. 4d.	30s. 5d.	22s. 8d.	34s. 3d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	29s. 9d.	30s. 5d.	38s. 5d.	30s. 4d.	39s. 1d.	38s. 1d.	27s. 5d.	33s. 1d.
Passenger-journeys '000	172	208,998	123,680	27,337	13,234	6,389	2,459	382,269
Freight Carried, tons— '000								
Livestock ..	118	(h) 584	443	524	180	101	16	2,396
Coal and Coke ..	367			1,184	815	371		
Other Minerals ..	6	14,566	6,377	446	500	196	184	30,391
Other Goods ..	81			3,977	2,045	1,685	515	
Total Freight ..	572	15,150	6,820	6,131	3,630	2,353	715	35,371

NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1955.

Route Miles open ..	2,201	6,101	4,451	6,491	2,564	4,111	605	26,524
Train-miles '000	1,481	28,018	14,086	14,610	5,453	5,741	1,526	70,915
Revenue £'000—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)	618	15,469	8,364	3,948	1,346	1,009	163	30,917
Goods, including Live- stock and Minerals	1,935	39,385	18,718	19,322	7,833	7,663	1,497	96,353
Miscellaneous ..	216	(c) 615	1,562	(d)	664	537	52	(e) 3,646
Total Revenue ..	2,769	(f) 55,469	28,644	23,270	9,843	9,209	1,712	130,916
Working Expenses £'000	2,185	50,153	27,143	22,496	11,080	10,133	(g) 2,046	125,236
Net Revenue .. £'000	584	5,316	1,501	774	1,237	924	334	5,680
Ratio of Working Ex- penses to Revenue %	78.90	90.42	94.76	96.68	112.56	110.04	119.48	95.66
Revenue per Train-mile	37s. 5d.	39s. 7d.	40s. 8d.	31s. 10d.	36s. 1d.	32s. 1d.	22s. 5d.	36s. 11d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	29s. 6d.	35s. 10d.	38s. 6d.	30s. 10d.	40s. 8d.	35s. 4d.	26s. 10d.	35s. 4d.
Passenger-journeys '000	158	209,394	126,604	27,291	12,563	7,246	2,360	385,616
Freight Carried, tons— '000								
Livestock ..	39	(h) 533	460	591	166	101	18	1,908
Coal and Coke ..	384		1,927	1,285	671	442		
Other Minerals ..	11	14,055	5,180	491	679	145	210	34,411
Other Goods ..	170			4,245	2,162	1,809	545	
Total Freight ..	604	14,588	7,567	6,612	3,678	2,497	773	36,319

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of the Uniform Gauge Line. (b) Includes road motors. (c) From sale of electrical energy only. Other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Incomplete. See notes for individual Systems. (f) Excludes Government contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Estimated.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Electric Tramways and Motor Omnibus Services for the years 1944–45 to 1953–54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin*, No. 45, pages 21–27.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

(Including details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State and Year.	Route-mileage Open at 30th June.	Car-miles.	Passenger-journeys.	Gross Revenue. (a)	Working Expenses. (b)	Net Revenue.
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1953–54.						
New South Wales	126	16,542	203,508	5,056	6,883	— 1,827
Victoria ..	175	24,130	222,541	5,441	5,588	— 147
Queensland ..	67	9,879	104,790	2,293	2,236	57
South Australia ..	92	7,916	56,966	1,776	2,237	— 461
Western Australia	30	2,307	18,743	509	610	— 101
Tasmania (c) ..	(d) 30	2,988	23,009	705	627	78
Total 1953–54 ..	520	63,762	629,557	15,780	18,181	— 2,401
Total—1952–53(c)	544	65,895	647,417	15,968	18,420	— 2,452
1951–52(c)	560	67,923	685,724	15,121	17,109	— 1,988
1950–51(e)	567	71,746	749,138	13,610	14,553	— 943
1949–50(e)	555	72,708	754,483	11,785	12,477	— 692
1938–39 ..	606	81,361	695,476	7,649	6,089	1,560

(a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Includes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus services. (d) Excludes 15 miles of Hobart Omnibus services. (e) Includes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

NOTE.—Minus sign (–) denotes loss.

GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.

(Excluding details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State or Territory and Year.	Route-mileage at 30th June.	Omnibus-mileage.	Passenger-journeys.	Gross Revenue.(a)	Working Expenses.(b)
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1953–54.					
New South Wales ..	463	31,829	212,200	4,612	7,216
Victoria ..	64	7,892	59,111	1,477	1,462
Queensland ..	409	5,954	33,934	849	899
South Australia ..	38	2,251	10,006	296	442
Western Australia ..	3,036	7,370	26,474	1,278	974
Tasmania (c) ..	535	1,156	1,785	207	194
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	46	866	(d)	134	200
Total 1953–54 ..	4,591	57,318	(e) 343,510	8,853	11,387
Total—1952–53(c)	4,533	55,672	(e) 336,462	9,320	11,465
1951–52(c)	4,458	54,124	333,200	8,542	10,298
1950–51(f)	3,994	53,548	340,314	7,572	8,234
1949–50(f)	3,208	53,817	325,079	6,307	6,743

(a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Excludes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus Services, details of which are included with Electric Tramways. (d) Not available. (e) Excludes details for Australian Capital Territory. (f) Excludes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

NOTE:—Further details of Motor Vehicle Registrations &c. appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45 and the Monthly and Annual Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE.

State or Territory and Year.	Registrations at 30th June. (Number.)				Drivers' and Riders' Licences in Force at 30th June.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Com- mercial Ve- hicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders', &c., Licences.	Miscel- laneous.	Total.
						£	£	£	£
1953-54.									
New South Wales	398,397	213,709	42,451	654,557	914,239	8,076,814	713,768	2,054,640	10,845,222
Victoria ..	397,658	130,707	30,881	559,246	708,307	4,658,244	354,181	1,008,737	6,021,162
Queensland ..	145,933	115,907	22,367	284,207	(a)	3,801,126	118,620	919,787	4,839,533
South Australia	133,281	62,038	23,093	218,412	260,938	2,151,302	301,444	51,477	2,504,223
Western Australia	78,312	60,381	15,243	153,936	168,420	1,124,320	101,179	145,095	1,370,594
Tasmania ..	39,974	19,739	5,649	65,362	78,244	575,036	35,220	145,913	756,169
Northern Terri- tory ..	1,164	2,228	431	3,823	6,862	21,245	4,724	45	26,014
Australian Capital Territory ..	5,114	2,190	499	7,803	11,109	42,092	5,819	665	48,576
Total 1953-54	1199833	606,899	140,614	1,947,346	52148119	20,450,179	1,634,955	4,326,359	26,411,493
1952-53(c)	1107659	579,444	147,639	1,834,742	2,288,370	18,779,761	1,403,019	3,708,435	23,891,215
1951-52(c)	1030992	580,502	153,933	1,765,427	2,194,167	15,995,554	1,336,530	3,607,266	20,939,350
1950-51(c)	882,455	548,373	145,132	1,575,960	1,985,821	12,333,075	1,141,318	2,403,767	15,878,160
1949-50(c)	766,863	492,964	133,483	1,393,310	1,845,265	9,596,034	862,509	1,811,989	12,270,532
1938-39..	562,271	258,025	79,237	899,533	1,238,497	6,318,435	508,387	257,652	7,084,474

(a) Not available.

(b) Excludes Queensland.

(c) Registrations exclude Northern Territory.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Number.)

Vehicles and Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
AT 30TH JUNE, 1955.									
Motor Cars ..	441,896	456,024	163,697	142,733	90,255	44,884	1,601	5,992	1,347,082
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	227,353	143,930	122,623	65,129	63,891	21,483	2,836	2,364	649,609
Motor Cycles ..	39,787	29,193	21,401	21,640	14,662	5,306	562	478	133,029
Total ..	709,036	629,147	307,721	229,502	168,808	71,673	4,999	8,834	2,129,720
At 30th June, 1954 ..	654,557	559,246	284,207	218,412	153,936	65,362	3,823	7,803	1,947,346
" " " 1953 ..	613,554	539,828	266,221	205,702	141,945	60,545	(a)	6,947	1,834,742
" " " 1952 ..	590,532	533,226	255,025	192,313	132,967	55,104	(a)	6,260	1,765,427
" " " 1951 ..	544,345	444,400	240,784	173,043	118,692	49,173	(a)	5,523	1,575,960
" " " 1939 ..	319,015	261,855	128,163	90,756	69,679	26,360	1,426	2,279	899,533

(a) Not available.

(b) Excludes N.T.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES.

(Number.)

Vehicles and Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1955.									
Motor Cars ..	56,202	51,939	20,579	18,218	12,406	5,738	210	1,032	166,324
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	24,915	14,956	11,954	6,845	6,065	2,328	331	271	67,665
Motor Cycles ..	3,437	2,348	1,583	2,185	1,206	417	47	59	11,282
Total ..	84,554	69,243	34,116	27,248	19,677	8,483	588	1,362	245,271
Total 1953-54 ..	67,987	50,904	28,455	21,162	16,864	7,133	420	932	193,857
1952-53 ..	53,099	43,132	23,372	17,470	13,283	5,566	(a)386	688	156,996
1951-52 ..	73,466	70,256	27,270	24,466	17,382	7,278	(b)	817	e220,935
1950-51 ..	85,065	61,566	34,456	25,422	17,740	7,466	(b)	1,040	e232,755
1938-39 ..	30,534	24,270	14,024	8,143	6,046	3,060	(b)	327	(c)86,404

(a) Excludes motor cycles.

(b) Not available.

(c) Excludes N.T.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above taxis and hire cars are included with motor cars. Commonwealth-owned vehicles are included except those of Departments of Army and Air.

Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles registered in Victoria included private cars and commercial vehicles, and were included in commercial vehicle registrations. Since that date only vehicles constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connexion with their business are so registered.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Civil Aviation for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, page 29.

CIVIL AVIATION.

Australian Registrations, Licences, Aerodromes, Etc.

Particulars.	At 30th June.				At 31st March.	
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1954.	1955.
Registered Aircraft Owners ..	160	343	369	384	382	402
Registered Aircraft ..	344	786	821	845	833	871
Pilots' Licences—						
Private ..	1,123	1,444	1,677	2,035	1,928	2,213
Commercial ..	376	470	518	552	559	583
Airline Transport ..		948	911	917	894	948
Flight Navigators' Licences ..	(a) 65	155	163	166	166	163
Radio Operators' Licences ..	(b) 75	1,222	1,256	1,310	1,275	1,357
Flight Engineers' Licences ..		53	58	67	62	85
Ground Engineers' Licences ..	565	1,720	1,790	1,757	1,800	1,754
Aerodromes—						
Government ..	71	189	186	198	187	183
Public ..	213	269	260	262	277	302
Flying Boat Bases and						
Alighting Areas ..	11	11	15	16	17	13

Australian Airline Operations, Etc.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
					1954.	1955.

REGULAR INTERNAL SERVICES.

Hours flown ..	No.	60,733	260,947	237,640	251,019	187,965	195,806
Miles flown ..	'000.	7,930	41,831	39,059	41,014	30,646	32,632
Paying passengers ..	No.	94,174	1,828,506	1,706,446	1,772,357	1,324,968	1,428,857
Paying passenger-miles ..	'000.	35,569	721,573	667,321	702,139	525,656	572,128
Freight—							
Tons (c) ..		712	57,464	57,635	69,479	51,989	58,801
Ton-miles (c) ..	'000.	(d)	26,684	27,167	32,650	24,215	27,668
Mail—							
Tons (c) ..		(e) 82	2,682	2,311	2,316	1,777	1,787
Ton-miles (c) ..	'000.	(d)	1,285	1,166	1,225	939	963

OVERSEA SERVICES.(f)

Unduplicated route miles (g)	No.	5,989	43,455	66,558	64,250	65,719	59,159
Hours flown ..		12,677	50,336	54,148	53,580	40,746	37,278
Miles flown ..	'000.	1,735	10,664	11,565	11,464	8,718	8,318
Paying passengers ..	No.	5,337	95,134	97,753	102,065	78,229	85,722
Paying passenger-miles ..	'000.	7,332	265,756	275,206	290,603	217,326	233,161
Freight—							
Tons (c) ..		66	2,138	1,957	2,295	1,743	1,973
Ton-miles (c) ..	'000.	(d)	6,716	7,401	8,331	6,354	6,863
Mail—							
Tons (c) ..		(e) 277	1,141	1,168	1,379	1,043	1,107
Ton-miles (c) ..	'000.	(d)	6,162	6,122	7,718	5,678	6,049

AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT(h) ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES.

Number ..	(d)	25	16	26	23	18
Persons Killed ..		38	37	5	36	18
Persons Injured ..		15	22	19	27	16

(a) Navigators' licences. (b) Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators only. (c) In terms of short tons (2,000 lb.). (d) Not available. (e) Net weight. (f) Airlines wholly owned or partly owned by Australian interests. (g) At 30th June. (h) Aircraft on Australian Register and gliders irrespective of location of accident.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, on pages 50-71. Further details of Road Traffic Accidents are included in pages 32-37.

TELEPHONES—LINES AND INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED.

(Number.)

Particulars.	At 30th June—				
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
Lines connected ..	487,535	927,273	985,383	1,049,626	1,127,386
Instruments connected ..	661,996	1,300,790	1,383,702	1,475,513	1,587,082

BROADCASTING—LISTENERS' LICENCES.

(Number.)

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia
30th June, 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
" " 1950(c)	748,268	557,556	274,279	227,911	149,328	72,286	2,029,628
" " 1951(c)	753,758	586,393	288,019	244,311	159,436	77,743	2,109,600
" " 1952 ..	741,355	520,364	279,852	208,691	141,950	68,832	1,961,044
" " 1953 ..	742,002	533,329	282,338	212,104	145,141	70,741	1,985,655
" " 1954 ..	769,478	545,148	287,683	220,065	148,192	71,047	2,041,613
" " 1955 ..	746,050	549,690	293,542	223,593	150,199	71,602	2,034,676

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes separate licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.(a)

(Reported to the Police.)

State or Territory, and Period.	Total Accidents Reported.	Accidents involving Casualties.	Persons Killed.			Persons Injured.		
			Number.	Per Million of Population.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.	Number.	Per Million of Population.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.
NINE MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1955.								
New South Wales ..	25,832	9,343	588	170	87	11,960	3,466	1,767
Victoria ..	10,878	7,274	369	149	63	9,129	3,689	1,549
Queensland ..	15,521	4,898	210	159	71	6,312	4,774	1,622
South Australia ..	8,914	2,268	117	145	52	2,937	3,652	1,308
Western Australia ..	8,053	2,425	160	247	101	3,128	4,835	1,970
Tasmania ..	2,051	631	41	130	60	814	2,590	1,196
Australian Capital Territory ..	177	91	6	193	74	120	3,868	1,472
Total ..	71,426	26,930	1,491	165	74	34,400	3,804	1,703
Year 1953-54(b) ..	87,224	35,523	1,976	222	105	44,629	5,013	2,377
„ 1952-53(b) ..	75,295	31,635	1,856	213	101	39,405	4,513	2,147
„ 1951-52(b) ..	68,110	31,144	2,054	241	116	38,376	4,502	2,174
„ 1950-51(b) ..	57,261	28,760	1,926	232	122	35,095	4,230	2,227

(a) Refers to those accidents (known to the police) which occurred in public thoroughfares and which resulted in death or in bodily injury to any person to an extent requiring medical or surgical treatment, or in damage in excess of £10 to property. It should be noted, however, that the comparability of the statistics between States, even on this basis, still depends on the degree to which accidents so defined are in fact recorded by the police. Under legislation passed in Tasmania on 10th August, 1954, it is no longer obligatory to report accidents involving only damage to property. (b) Excludes Northern Territory.

Section X.—Employment, Unemployment and Wages.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA.(a)
(‘000.)

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7		133.6
1953—June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	58.0	666.3	193.2	295.1	125.0	191.0	174.1
1954—June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	58.7	696.1	205.7	300.1	128.4	198.3	176.6
1955—June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	58.3	714.5	211.8	308.7	129.2	207.1	182.1
1954—Jan.	568.1	1,344.2	1,912.3	58.1	680.7	191.7	297.6	128.4	196.2	176.2
Feb.	571.6	1,348.8	1,920.4	58.3	685.2	194.1	298.3	127.1	197.2	176.4
Mar.	575.1	1,356.2	1,931.3	58.5	688.3	198.9	299.3	127.3	198.3	177.0
April	577.8	1,358.3	1,936.1	58.5	690.2	201.8	299.1	127.6	197.9	177.0
May	580.0	1,361.9	1,941.9	58.6	692.4	205.1	299.0	128.4	198.0	176.2
June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	58.7	696.1	205.7	300.1	128.4	198.3	176.6
1955—Jan.	586.0	1,382.4	1,968.4	57.4	703.9	202.1	303.3	130.1	206.6	178.6
Feb.	589.4	1,388.2	1,977.6	57.5	707.1	203.8	304.4	129.6	207.2	180.7
Mar.	592.6	1,393.9	1,986.5	57.6	709.7	206.4	306.2	129.6	207.7	182.0
April	595.4	1,395.5	1,990.9	57.8	711.4	208.5	306.5	129.2	207.6	182.2
May	597.0	1,398.5	1,995.5	57.9	713.5	210.5	307.7	129.4	207.0	181.6
June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	58.3	714.5	211.8	308.7	129.2	207.1	182.1
FEMALES.										
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9		129.0
1953—June	112.0	561.7	673.7	0.9	202.9	4.3	36.2	109.9	71.5	213.5
1954—June	114.5	593.0	707.5	1.0	219.8	4.7	36.5	115.3	77.0	213.7
1955—June	122.8	615.7	738.5	1.1	225.3	4.9	38.4	121.6	83.1	228.1
1954—Jan.	110.7	587.0	697.7	0.9	215.8	4.5	36.0	116.8	74.6	214.8
Feb.	113.0	588.3	701.3	1.0	218.5	4.6	36.1	113.5	76.0	217.1
Mar.	114.2	593.7	707.9	0.9	222.4	4.7	36.3	113.7	76.9	218.4
April	114.4	593.1	707.5	0.9	221.5	4.7	36.4	114.1	76.7	218.7
May	114.6	592.7	707.3	1.0	220.4	4.7	36.4	114.7	76.7	219.0
June	114.5	593.0	707.5	1.0	219.8	4.7	36.5	115.3	77.0	218.7
1955—Jan.	116.2	608.0	724.2	1.0	223.4	4.8	37.6	120.3	80.5	221.5
Feb.	119.3	613.5	732.8	1.0	226.8	4.8	38.0	119.5	82.3	224.8
Mar.	121.3	616.2	737.5	1.1	228.0	4.8	38.1	119.6	83.0	227.3
April	121.4	614.6	736.0	1.1	225.3	4.8	38.1	120.3	83.0	227.7
May	121.8	615.4	737.2	1.1	224.8	4.8	38.2	121.6	83.0	227.9
June	122.8	615.7	738.5	1.1	225.3	4.9	38.4	121.6	83.1	228.1
PERSONS.										
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6		262.6
1953—June	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	58.9	869.2	197.5	331.3	234.9	262.5	387.6
1954—June	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	59.7	915.9	210.4	336.6	243.7	275.3	395.3
1955—June	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.4	939.8	216.7	347.1	250.8	290.2	410.2
1954—Jan.	678.8	1,931.2	2,610.0	59.0	896.5	196.2	333.6	245.2	270.8	391.0
Feb.	684.6	1,937.1	2,621.7	59.3	903.7	198.7	334.4	240.6	273.2	393.5
Mar.	689.3	1,949.9	2,639.2	59.4	910.7	203.6	335.6	241.0	275.2	395.4
April	692.2	1,951.4	2,643.6	59.4	911.7	206.5	335.5	241.7	274.6	395.7
May	694.6	1,954.6	2,649.2	59.6	912.8	209.8	335.4	243.1	274.7	395.2
June	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	59.7	915.9	210.4	336.6	243.7	275.3	395.3
1955—Jan.	702.2	1,990.4	2,692.6	58.4	927.3	206.9	340.9	250.4	287.1	400.1
Feb.	708.7	2,001.7	2,710.4	58.5	933.9	208.6	342.4	249.1	289.5	405.5
Mar.	713.9	2,010.1	2,724.0	58.7	937.7	211.2	344.3	249.2	290.7	409.3
April	716.8	2,010.1	2,726.9	58.9	936.7	213.3	344.6	249.5	290.6	409.9
May	718.8	2,013.9	2,732.7	59.0	938.3	215.3	345.9	251.0	290.0	409.5
June	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.4	939.8	216.7	347.1	250.8	290.2	410.2

(a) Employees in the Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948), subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post-offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) From July, 1948, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a)

('000.)

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July ..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1951—June ..	758.2	525.8	259.3	170.0	125.3	60.2	4.6	8.1	1,911.5
1952—June ..	754.4	524.4	258.1	171.5	126.0	61.0	4.4	8.3	1,908.1
1953—June ..	734.3	521.6	255.2	170.6	130.2	61.8	4.6	8.5	1,886.8
1954—June ..	758.1	539.7	263.7	176.0	135.0	62.8	4.9	8.2	1,948.4
1955—June ..	779.2	556.7	272.0	178.7	136.4	64.0	4.8	8.7	2,000.5
1954—Jan. ..	748.1	530.9	251.8	173.5	133.0	61.9	4.9	8.2	1,912.3
Feb. ..	750.0	533.6	254.2	174.4	133.2	61.9	4.8	8.3	1,920.4
Mar. ..	753.2	537.0	256.1	175.0	133.9	63.1	4.8	8.2	1,931.3
April ..	753.8	538.6	258.5	175.3	133.5	63.5	4.8	8.1	1,936.1
May ..	756.3	538.3	260.9	175.8	134.3	63.3	4.8	8.2	1,941.9
June ..	758.1	539.7	263.7	176.0	135.0	62.8	4.9	8.2	1,948.4
1955—Jan. ..	767.8	549.2	260.9	177.5	135.3	64.1	4.9	8.4	1,968.1
Feb. ..	772.7	550.3	264.4	177.5	135.2	64.0	4.8	8.5	1,977.4
Mar. ..	775.9	552.8	266.2	177.9	136.1	64.3	4.7	8.4	1,986.3
April ..	776.0	554.1	268.2	178.6	136.3	64.4	4.7	8.6	1,990.9
May ..	777.3	555.5	270.0	178.7	136.1	64.4	4.8	8.7	1,995.5
June ..	779.2	556.7	272.0	178.7	136.4	64.0	4.8	8.7	2,000.5
FEMALES.									
1939—July ..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1951—June ..	290.9	219.6	86.1	57.0	41.6	20.3	0.8	2.5	718.8
1952—June ..	270.5	206.6	83.8	54.9	40.5	19.8	0.8	2.5	679.4
1953—June ..	266.2	205.9	83.7	53.4	41.0	20.1	0.9	2.5	673.7
1954—June ..	279.5	217.7	86.1	56.9	42.8	21.0	0.9	2.6	707.5
1955—June ..	292.5	227.0	89.3	60.2	43.9	21.7	1.0	2.9	738.5
1954—Jan. ..	277.0	212.7	84.9	57.0	41.6	21.0	0.9	2.6	697.7
Feb. ..	277.6	215.3	85.3	56.7	42.4	20.5	0.9	2.6	701.3
Mar. ..	279.4	219.1	85.2	57.3	42.6	20.8	0.9	2.6	707.9
April ..	278.6	218.8	85.2	57.6	42.8	21.0	0.9	2.6	707.5
May ..	279.5	217.7	85.5	57.2	42.8	21.1	0.9	2.6	707.3
June ..	279.5	217.7	86.1	56.9	42.8	21.0	0.9	2.6	707.5
1955—Jan. ..	287.8	222.3	87.3	59.2	42.8	21.2	0.9	2.7	724.2
Feb. ..	291.5	224.4	88.6	59.8	43.8	21.1	0.9	2.7	732.8
Mar. ..	292.4	227.0	88.4	60.5	44.0	21.5	0.9	2.8	737.5
April ..	292.1	225.5	88.4	60.5	43.9	21.8	0.9	2.9	736.0
May ..	293.1	225.1	89.2	60.2	43.9	21.8	1.0	2.9	737.2
June ..	292.5	227.0	89.3	60.2	43.9	21.7	1.0	2.9	738.5
PERSONS.									
1939—July ..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1951—June ..	1,049.1	745.4	345.4	227.0	166.9	80.5	5.4	10.6	2,630.3
1952—June ..	1,024.9	731.0	341.9	226.4	166.5	80.8	5.2	10.8	2,587.5
1953—June ..	1,000.5	727.5	338.9	224.0	171.2	81.9	5.5	11.0	2,560.5
1954—June ..	1,037.6	757.4	349.8	232.9	177.8	83.8	5.8	10.8	2,655.9
1955—June ..	1,071.7	783.7	361.3	238.9	180.3	85.7	5.8	11.6	2,739.0
1954—Jan. ..	1,025.1	743.6	336.7	230.5	174.6	82.9	5.8	10.8	2,610.0
Feb. ..	1,027.6	748.9	339.5	231.1	175.6	82.4	5.7	10.9	2,621.7
Mar. ..	1,032.6	756.1	341.3	232.3	176.5	83.9	5.7	10.8	2,639.2
April ..	1,032.4	757.4	343.7	232.9	176.3	84.5	5.7	10.7	2,643.6
May ..	1,035.8	756.0	346.4	233.0	177.1	84.4	5.7	10.8	2,649.2
June ..	1,037.6	757.4	349.8	232.9	177.8	83.8	5.8	10.8	2,655.9
1955—Jan. ..	1,055.6	771.5	348.2	236.7	178.1	85.3	5.8	11.1	2,692.3
Feb. ..	1,064.2	774.7	353.0	237.3	179.0	85.1	5.7	11.2	2,710.2
Mar. ..	1,068.3	779.8	354.6	238.4	180.1	85.8	5.6	11.2	2,723.8
April ..	1,068.1	779.6	356.6	239.1	180.2	86.2	5.6	11.5	2,726.9
May ..	1,070.4	780.6	359.2	238.9	180.0	86.2	5.8	11.6	2,732.7
June ..	1,071.7	783.7	361.3	238.9	180.3	85.7	5.8	11.6	2,739.0

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.
See also notes on previous page.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.					Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
							Males.	Females.	Persons.				
										Unadjusted.	Adjusted. (a)		
1938-39(b) ..	'000. 219.5	'000. 193.9	'000. 51.5	'000. 42.0	'000. 22.1	'000. 13.2	'000. 391.8	'000. 150.4	'000. 542.2			1,031	1,022
1950-51(b)(c) ..	379.0	290.4	83.2	80.8	38.6	22.2	664.8	229.4	894.2			1,701	1,408
1951-52(b)(c) ..	377.9	292.2	83.1	81.3	38.9	22.0	672.4	223.0	895.4			1,703	1,369
1952-53(b)(c) ..	351.4	279.1	82.1	77.2	38.7	21.5	652.7	197.3	850.0			1,617	1,268
1953-54(b)(c) ..	369.6	296.1	85.0	82.2	40.3	22.4	681.1	214.5	895.6			1,703	1,312
1954-55(b)(c) ..	384.0	308.5	87.1	85.1	41.3	23.0	704.9	224.1	929.0			1,767	1,334
1953-54—													
April ..	375.0	303.7	84.4	84.7	40.5	23.4	690.2	221.5	911.7			1,734	1,327
May ..	376.0	302.1	86.3	84.4	40.6	23.4	692.4	220.4	912.8			1,736	1,326
June ..	376.7	302.7	88.1	84.3	40.8	23.3	696.1	219.8	915.9			1,742	1,329
1954-55													
July ..	377.1	303.2	89.0	83.9	40.6	22.8	696.1	220.5	916.6			1,743	1,330
August ..	378.5	303.9	89.0	84.2	40.6	22.3	697.8	220.7	918.5			1,747	1,333
September ..	380.4	304.9	88.8	84.1	40.5	22.2	698.9	222.0	920.9			1,752	1,333
October ..	382.1	306.6	88.0	84.2	40.9	22.2	700.6	223.4	924.0			1,757	1,334
November ..	384.6	308.1	87.6	84.4	41.1	22.3	703.5	224.6	928.1			1,765	1,337
December ..	383.8	308.3	85.7	84.7	41.2	23.1	702.4	224.4	926.8			1,763	1,333
January ..	383.8	309.8	83.0	85.8	41.4	23.5	703.9	223.4	927.3			1,764	1,330
February ..	386.8	311.2	85.2	85.8	41.7	23.2	707.1	226.8	933.9			1,776	1,336
March ..	387.7	312.5	85.7	86.4	41.9	23.5	709.7	228.0	937.7			1,784	1,339
April ..	386.9	311.2	86.4	86.5	41.9	23.8	711.4	225.3	936.7			1,782	1,336
May ..	388.0	310.7	88.0	85.8	42.0	23.8	713.5	224.8	938.3			1,785	1,335
June ..	388.2	311.6	88.9	85.7	41.8	23.6	714.5	225.3	939.8			1,787	1,335

(a) Divided by Index of Total Population.
monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

(b) Average of monthly figures.

(c) From July, 1948,

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia.(b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
1950-51(c) ..	97.2	68.8	31.1	23.9	18.2	7.3	129.3	117.8	247.1
1951-52(c) ..	95.9	68.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7
1952-53(c) ..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
1953-54(c) ..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1954-55(c) ..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	119.8	249.5
1953-54—									
April ..	92.8	68.1	30.2	23.4	19.1	7.5	127.6	114.1	241.7
May ..	93.6	68.2	30.4	23.4	19.3	7.5	128.4	114.7	243.1
June ..	93.6	68.5	30.8	23.4	19.3	7.4	128.4	115.3	243.7
1954-55—									
July ..	93.2	68.3	30.7	23.3	19.4	7.5	128.0	114.9	242.9
August ..	93.4	68.1	30.8	23.3	19.2	7.4	128.0	114.9	242.9
September ..	93.9	68.3	31.0	23.6	19.2	7.6	128.2	115.9	244.1
October ..	94.8	68.7	31.1	23.7	19.4	7.5	128.2	117.7	245.9
November ..	100.0	71.0	31.8	24.4	19.8	7.8	131.7	123.8	255.5
December ..	104.4	72.7	32.5	24.5	20.3	8.1	134.9	128.3	263.2
January ..	96.4	70.2	31.2	24.5	19.6	7.9	130.1	120.3	250.4
February ..	95.8	70.0	30.8	24.5	19.4	7.8	129.6	119.5	249.1
March ..	96.1	69.8	30.8	24.5	19.6	7.8	129.6	119.6	249.2
April ..	95.9	70.0	31.0	24.5	19.7	7.8	129.2	120.3	249.5
May ..	96.5	70.3	31.3	24.6	19.7	7.8	129.4	121.6	251.0
June ..	95.7	71.0	31.3	24.6	19.8	7.8	129.2	121.6	250.8

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Figures from June, 1945, subject to revision.

(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Average of monthly figures.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week.(a)

(For particulars of benefits paid, see page 68.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.									
1948-49 ..	270	32	1,100	14	126	31	..	..	1,573
1949-50 ..	10,728	128	1,578	326	267	30	..	..	13,057
1950-51 ..	293	90	320	6	60	15	..	..	784
1951-52 ..	795	162	1,348	17	57	12	..	..	2,391
1952-53 ..	17,270	6,114	4,185	841	844	256	..	..	29,510
1953-54 ..	6,859	2,856	3,177	270	427	223	..	..	13,812
1954-55 ..	1,523	576	1,459	66	157	86	..	4	3,871
Quarter ended—									
June, 1953	16,137	5,539	4,688	631	675	245	..	..	27,915
September, "	12,813	5,563	2,909	610	733	421	..	..	23,049
December, "	6,713	2,919	2,630	259	423	267	..	..	13,211
March, 1954	4,803	1,745	4,697	130	322	110	..	..	11,807
June, "	3,108	1,196	2,473	79	231	94	..	..	7,181
September, "	2,363	1,025	1,137	88	172	138	..	3	4,926
December, "	1,333	563	903	63	117	111	..	4	3,099
March, 1955	1,300	399	2,250	60	162	53	..	4	4,237
June, "	1,095	318	1,532	54	178	40	1	3	3,221
SICKNESS BENEFIT.									
1948-49 ..	3,018	1,923	978	709	600	395	..	..	7,628
1949-50 ..	2,971	1,960	997	737	497	390	..	..	7,552
1950-51 ..	2,883	1,835	958	657	475	317	..	..	7,125
1951-52 ..	2,593	1,584	935	695	461	218	..	..	6,486
1952-53 ..	2,991	1,706	1,027	670	433	227	..	..	7,054
1953-54 ..	3,340	1,975	1,241	693	479	239	..	..	7,967
1954-55 ..	3,337	1,994	1,284	645	459	231	5	12	7,967
Quarter ended—									
June, 1953	3,262	1,956	1,109	713	482	245	..	..	7,767
September, "	3,525	2,121	1,251	735	504	269	..	..	8,405
December, "	3,413	2,031	1,263	734	493	246	..	..	8,180
March, 1954	3,160	1,834	1,212	646	464	215	..	..	7,531
June, "	3,262	1,916	1,239	658	454	223	..	..	7,752
September, "	3,564	2,095	1,258	696	485	252	4	12	8,366
December, "	3,382	2,046	1,337	676	452	241	6	12	8,152
March, 1955	3,163	1,900	1,284	602	454	221	5	12	7,641
June, "	3,238	1,936	1,258	607	445	208	5	13	7,710

(a) In addition, the average number of persons (excluding migrants) receiving Special Benefits at end of each week were:—1948-49, 574; 1949-50, 877; 1950-51, 863; 1951-52, 987; 1952-53, 1,372; 1953-54, 1,859; and 1954-55, 1,966.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954.

(c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK)—STATES.

Period.	Dis- putes.	Workers Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti- mated Loss in Wages. £
		Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly. (a)	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.								
Year—1954(b) ..	1,063	217,081	5,205	222,286	495,337	6,236	501,573	1,654,814
1954—June Qtr.	260	44,902	545	45,447	62,240	18,175	80,415	270,927
Sept. "	329	89,061	2,732	91,793	169,701	14,220	183,921	591,062
Dec. "	192	39,916	1,467	41,383	150,815	4,247	155,062	516,722
1955—Mar. "(c)	257	63,137	5,703	68,840	124,420	611	125,031	418,905
June "	265	59,579	3,840	63,419	121,951	12,033	133,984	440,902
VICTORIA.								
Year—1954 ..	76	42,476	2,337	44,813	135,611	..	135,611	460,213
1954—June Qtr.	17	9,931	605	10,536	26,379	..	26,379	81,823
Sept. "	19	3,618	517	4,135	13,096	2,670	15,766	49,472
Dec. "	16	9,516	1,179	10,695	63,355	1,545	64,900	230,433
1955—Mar. "(c)	25	8,539	824	9,363	19,603	1,736	21,339	62,921
June "	21	12,546	1,014	13,560	20,277	198	20,475	64,738
QUEENSLAND.								
Year—1954 ..	278	77,006	6,675	83,681	183,855	..	183,855	611,331
1954—June Qtr.	59	18,176	2,283	20,459	30,622	30,725	61,347	185,023
Sept. "	78	20,909	1,675	22,584	38,561	..	38,561	131,291
Dec. "	69	21,888	1,192	23,080	62,657	..	62,657	222,718
1955—Mar. "	67	16,139	1,691	17,830	23,832	..	23,832	78,897
June "	60	9,225	147	9,372	12,160	6,108	18,268	63,305
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1954 ..	23	7,291	45	7,336	31,207	..	31,207	108,100
1954—June Qtr.	9	2,385	25	2,410	2,969	..	2,969	10,400
Sept. "	6	1,349	..	1,349	2,709	395	3,104	10,047
Dec. "	7	2,657	20	2,677	24,620	..	24,620	85,853
1955—Mar. "	14	7,398	83	7,481	9,917	..	9,917	32,070
June "	14	6,479	..	6,479	4,018	2,264	6,282	18,805
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1954 ..	15	5,398	96	5,494	21,651	..	21,651	75,387
1954—June Qtr.	1	1,294	..	1,294	1,908	..	1,908	6,681
Sept. "	5	1,757	78	1,835	1,924	..	1,924	6,644
Dec. "	7	2,308	18	2,326	17,780	..	17,780	61,950
1955—Mar. "	2	1,543	..	1,543	1,235	..	1,235	4,293
June "	3	2,800	..	2,800	2,173	..	2,173	7,605
TASMANIA.								
Year—1954(b) ..	31	5,951	136	6,087	20,251	5,664	25,915	105,042
1954—June Qtr.	6	1,522	..	1,522	1,428	..	1,428	4,816
Sept. "	10	1,215	130	1,345	4,700	..	4,700	16,841
Dec. "	9	2,403	..	2,403	12,593	..	12,593	44,110
1955—Mar. "	13	2,851	17	2,868	2,229	..	2,229	7,602
June "	11	3,284	223	3,507	6,838	..	6,838	23,653
AUSTRALIA.(d)								
Year—1954(b) ..	1,490	355,580	14,494	370,074	889,739	11,900	901,639	3,021,211
1954—June Qtr.	353	78,330	3,458	81,788	125,723	48,900	174,623	560,289
Sept. "	447	117,909	5,132	123,041	230,691	17,285	247,976	805,357
Dec. "	301	78,807	3,876	82,683	333,095	5,792	338,887	1,166,249
1955—Mar. "(c)	383	100,067	8,320	108,387	183,268	2,347	185,615	610,877
June "	378	94,149	5,224	99,373	167,488	20,827	188,315	619,945

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1953. (c) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1954. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK) : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Manu- facturing. (Groups I. to VI.)	Building. (Group VII.)	Mining. (Group VIII.)		Transport, Land and Sea. (Groups IX. to XI.)	Miscel- laneous. (Groups XII. to XIV.)	All Groups.
			(I) Coal- mining.	(II) Other Mining.			
NUMBER.							
1939	20	3	362	4	6	21	416
1951	142	25	912	4	242	19	1,344
1952	164	27	1,219	7	202	8	1,627
1953	143	41	944	6	311	14	1,459
1954	192	47	942	4	290	15	1,490
1954—							
June Qtr. ..	47	8	216	..	82	..	353
Sept. " ..	58	13	279	2	88	7	447
Dec. " ..	44	7	187	1	57	5	301
1955—							
March " ..	79	20	171	6	103	4	383
June " ..	67	11	200	1	97	2	378

WORKERS INVOLVED.

1939	8,818	57	137,792	900	2,017	3,246	152,830
1951	71,606	3,667	172,732	2,843	156,608	1,136	408,592
1952	157,870	1,862	193,066	4,769	145,033	3,134	505,734
1953	155,249	8,417	147,791	3,020	179,786	1,783	496,046
1954	57,010	6,925	155,630	494	145,521	4,494	370,074
1954—							
June Qtr. ..	10,105	903	30,941	..	39,839	..	81,788
Sept. " ..	26,801	2,496	59,991	133	30,535	3,080	123,041
Dec. " ..	12,519	1,707	31,847	120	35,178	1,312	82,683
1955—							
March " ..	28,546	8,353	20,993	554	49,148	788	108,387
June " ..	15,904	7,780	31,430	537	42,262	1,460	99,373

WORKING DAYS LOST.

1939	108,709	563	291,067	3,805	35,016	19,994	459,154
1951	307,173	23,750	336,447	36,255	165,437	3,912	872,974
1952	572,169	20,079	286,749	19,743	261,109	3,655	1,163,504
1953	351,722	67,506	378,715	18,956	222,564	11,367	1,050,890
1954	244,770	31,751	255,726	7,720	352,311	9,361	901,639
1954—							
June Qtr. ..	74,576	4,620	52,778	..	42,649	..	174,623
Sept. " ..	109,796	11,177	85,579	1,936	32,902	6,586	247,976
Dec. " ..	35,263	6,526	65,124	120	229,371	2,483	338,887
1955—							
March " ..	69,156	26,722	33,531	2,097	49,776	4,333	185,615
June " ..	62,147	16,139	57,510	4,833	43,306	4,380	188,315

ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES.
(£.)

1939	83,540	424	335,033	4,728	22,114	9,877	455,716
1951	752,319	59,961	863,923	189,200	382,435	8,185	2,256,028
1952	1,593,902	56,034	932,480	94,743	752,124	10,567	3,439,850
1953	1,023,366	242,500	1,247,895	80,486	703,537	39,653	3,337,437
1954	767,051	115,972	862,384	41,265	1,207,932	26,607	3,021,211
1954—							
June Qtr. ..	223,673	18,953	180,520	..	137,143	..	560,289
Sept. " ..	347,056	36,046	286,979	6,765	109,911	18,600	805,357
Dec. " ..	113,214	25,792	217,534	500	802,331	6,878	1,166,249
1955—							
March " ..	212,400	97,050	114,762	7,241	168,474	10,950	610,877
June " ..	192,999	44,739	209,215	16,812	144,680	11,500	619,945

TRADE UNIONS AND MEMBERSHIP.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.

1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	(a) 380
1950	222	152	128	133	156	98	14	28	(a) 360
1951	225	156	128	137	152	101	17	29	(a) 359
1952	223	159	129	139	151	98	15	31	(a) 360
1953	224	159	129	138	152	98	18	28	(a) 365
1954	228	158	129	138	154	98	18	29	(a) 371

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470
1950	642,145	406,317	262,586	137,504	103,582	45,044	2,438	5,728	1,605,344
1951	678,338	433,407	277,037	140,067	105,507	47,413	2,764	5,738	1,690,271
1952	649,163	416,349	274,908	137,495	105,462	46,948	2,340	4,877	1,637,542
1953	665,737	424,428	285,718	140,154	107,642	48,293	2,535	5,251	1,679,758
1954	732,737	433,891	305,304	147,555	109,589	50,290	2,168	5,970	1,787,504

(a) Without interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. An index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted, is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

Period.	New South Wales. (a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia. (b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID. (£'000.)							
1950-51 ..	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52 ..	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53 ..	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953-54 ..	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954-55 ..	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1953-54— June Qtr.	16,463	11,619	5,245	3,673	2,644	1,356	41,000
1954-55— September Qtr.	16,765	11,848	5,344	3,750	2,729	1,277	41,713
December ..	17,918	12,440	5,612	3,862	2,773	1,345	43,950
March ..	16,511	11,678	5,017	3,712	2,610	1,346	40,874
June ..	18,235	12,916	5,619	4,033	2,813	1,492	45,108

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT.(c)
(£.)

1950-51 ..	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52 ..	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53 ..	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54 ..	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954-55 ..	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
1953-54— June Qtr.	16.38	16.48	14.33	15.52	15.20	15.51	15.98
1954-55— September Qtr.	16.60	16.76	14.41	15.86	15.62	14.91	16.14
December ..	17.53	17.45	15.14	16.26	15.78	15.51	16.86
March ..	16.07	16.20	13.59	15.50	14.86	15.20	15.59
June ..	17.64	17.81	14.90	16.73	15.92	16.76	17.07

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—As quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years.

**WAGES—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES
PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 30th JUNE, 1955.(a)**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c...	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	300/9 40.00 7/6½	289/7 40.00 7/2½	272/3 40.00 6/9½	285/2 40.00 7/1½	298/0 40.00 7/5½	295/8 40.00 7/4½	291/9 40.00 7/3½
II. Engineering Works, &c.	Metal { Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	289/10 40.00 7/3	281/10 40.00 7/0½	276/7 40.00 6/11	279/4 40.00 6/11½	298/3 40.00 7/5½	297/2 40.00 7/5½	285/4 40.00 7/1½
III. Food, Drink, &c.	.. { Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	286/3 40.00 7/2	292/4 39.93 7/3½	266/11 40.00 6/8	286/1 40.00 7/1½	288/9 40.00 7/2½	295/2 40.00 7/4½	284/8 39.98 7/1½
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c.	.. { Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	278/7 40.00 6/11½	281/2 40.00 7/0½	288/2 40.00 7/2½	288/2 40.00 7/2½	291/10 40.00 7/3½	277/4 40.00 6/11½	281/8 40.00 7/0½
V. Books, Printing, &c. ...	.. { Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	329/4 40.00 8/2½	328/0 39.51 8/2½	307/10 40.00 7/11½	318/9 40.00 7/11½	347/4 37.69 9/2½	335/10 40.00 8/4½	326/7 39.72 8/2½
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	.. { Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	288/2 40.00 7/2½	280/8 40.00 7/0½	264/0 40.00 6/7½	283/2 40.00 7/1	284/2 40.00 7/1½	293/6 40.00 7/4	282/11 40.00 7/0½
VII. Building ..	.. { Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	329/3 39.94 8/3	313/4 40.00 7/10	299/8 40.00 7/6	308/4 40.00 7/7	313/5 40.00 7/10	308/1 40.00 7/8½	316/11 39.98 7/11½
VIII. Mining (c) ..	.. { Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	298/7 40.00 7/5½	292/0 40.00 7/3½	283/10 40.00 7/1½	272/1 40.00 6/9½	315/7 38.15 8/3½	291/8 40.00 7/3½	296/8 39.69 7/5½
IX. Rail and Tram Services	.. { Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	308/5 40.00 7/7	295/9 40.00 7/4½	276/1 40.00 6/10½	283/3 40.00 7/1	289/1 40.00 7/2½	299/10 40.00 7/6	294/1 40.00 7/4½
X. Other Land Transport	.. { Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	283/5 40.00 7/1	273/1 40.00 6/10	255/1 40.00 6/4½	266/5 40.00 6/8	279/8 40.00 7/0	283/6 40.00 7/1	275/2 40.00 6/10½
XI. Shipping, &c. ..	Weekly Waged	307/2	311/9	307/8	309/4	309/8	310/9	308/9
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wageef	330/11	305/6	309/8	303/7	315/4	334/9	320/11
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	.. { Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	276/11 40.00 6/11	271/6 40.00 6/9½	245/8 40.00 6/1½	254/8 40.00 6/4½	267/4 40.00 6/8½	265/7 40.00 6/7½	268/6 40.00 6/8½
XIV. Miscellaneous ..	.. { Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	282/3 40.00 7/0½	279/3 40.00 6/11½	256/11 40.00 6/5	263/0 40.00 6/7	279/0 40.00 6/11½	275/1 40.00 6/10½	275/11 40.00 6/10½
All Groups (b)	Weekly Wage	302/8	290/10	280/8	284/3	299/1	302/3	294/6
All Groups except XI. and XII.(b)	.. { Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	292/11 39.99 7/4	287/1 39.98 7/2½	270/3 40.00 6/9	276/9 40.00 6/11	295/2 39.51 7/5½	288/3 40.00 7/2½	286/11 39.95 7/2½

(a) The figures of nominal wages and hours of labour are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms. (b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wages and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (d) Average rates of wages are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied. (e) Definite particulars for the computation of average working hours and hourly rates of wages are not available. (f) Includes the value of keep, where supplied.

WAGES—ADULT FEMALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 30th JUNE, 1955.(a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
III. Food, Drink, &c. .. {	Weekly Wage	193/8	195/1	173/1	199/11	171/10	199/8	192/8
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/10	4/10½	4/4	5/0	4/3½	5/0	4/9¼
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c. {	Weekly Wage	195/0	196/2	200/3	200/3	201/4	198/6	196/10
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/10½	4/10½	5/0	5/0	5/0½	4/11½	4/11
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing .. {	Weekly Wage	207/2	199/2	190/10	208/0	..	201/6	202/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/2¼	4/11¼	4/9¼	5/2½	..	5/0½	5/0¼
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c... {	Weekly Wage	191/11	199/11	171/11	196/10	182/5	192/2	190/4
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/9½	5/0	4/3½	4/11	4/6¼	4/9¼	4/9
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c. .. {	Weekly Wage	218/10	230/2	197/0	199/9	..	..	218/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	..	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/5½	5/9	4/11	5/0	..	..	5/5½
All Groups (b) .. {	Weekly Wage	201/0	203/3	191/0	199/11	191/6	197/0	200/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/0¼	5/1	4/9¼	5/0	4/9½	4/11	5/0

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

WAGES—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX NUMBERS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'd.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
31st December, 1914	s. d. 56 2	s. d. 54 7	s. d. 53 5	s. d. 54 5	s. d. 62 10	s. d. 52 8	s. d. 55 7
" " 1939	96 7	93 6	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 3
" " 1951	255 0	245 5	240 10	241 8	251 4	247 3	248 7
" " 1952	284 8	274 5	267 9	274 6	284 7	276 2	278 2
" " 1953	296 8	282 6	273 10	278 9	292 5	296 11	287 7
" " 1954	298 4	284 3	278 7	282 2	293 3	299 2	290 0
30th June, 1955	302 8	290 10	280 8	284 3	299 1	302 3	294 6
ADULT MALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE : 518. 3D. (b) IN 1911 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1939	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" " 1951	4,975	4,789	4,699	4,715	4,904	4,825	4,850
" " 1952	5,555	5,354	5,224	5,356	5,553	5,383	5,428
" " 1953	5,788	5,513	5,342	5,439	5,705	5,794	5,611
" " 1954	5,820	5,547	5,435	5,506	5,722	5,837	5,658
30th June, 1955	5,905	5,675	5,476	5,546	5,836	5,897	5,746

ADULT FEMALES: RATES OF WAGE.

31st December, 1914	s. d. 26 10	s. d. 27 9	s. d. 27 1	s. d. 24 1	s. d. 37 4	s. d. 25 10	s. d. 27 5
" " 1939	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8
" " 1951	171 1	172 10	161 7	171 4	163 2	168 7	170 4
" " 1952	193 11	196 2	184 4	195 8	186 0	191 2	193 5
" " 1953	198 5	200 10	188 7	199 6	190 5	196 4	197 11
" " 1954	198 9	200 2	190 0	199 5	190 5	196 7	197 11
30th June, 1955	201 0	203 3	191 0	199 11	191 6	197 0	200 2

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE—278. 2D. (b) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)

31st December, 1914	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
" " 1939	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
" " 1951	6,296	6,362	5,948	6,305	6,007	6,204	6,268
" " 1952	7,138	7,220	6,784	7,202	6,846	7,037	7,120
" " 1953	7,302	7,392	6,940	7,342	7,007	7,226	7,285
" " 1954	7,314	7,367	6,994	7,339	7,007	7,236	7,285
30th June, 1955	7,398	7,480	7,028	7,359	7,049	7,250	7,367

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES FOR ADULT MALES UNDER AWARDS OF COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.(a)

Date Operative.	Sydney.	Mel- bourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
September, 1939 ..	81 0	81 0	76 0	78 0	77 0	77 0	79 0
November, 1945 ..	99 0	98 0	93 0	93 0	94 0	94 0	96 0
December, 1946 ..	108 0	106 0	101 0	102 0	102 0	103 0	105 0
November, 1947 ..	112 0	109 0	105 0	106 0	106 0	107 0	109 0
„ 1948 ..	122 0	120 0	115 0	116 0	116 0	118 0	119 0
„ 1949 ..	132 0	130 0	125 0	126 0	129 0	128 0	129 0
„ 1950 ..	146 0	143 0	135 0	137 0	139 0	139 0	142 0
December, 1950 ..	165 0	162 0	154 0	158 0	160 0	160 0	162 0
November, 1951 ..	207 0	199 0	185 0	195 0	197 0	199 0	200 0
May, 1952 ..	223 0	212 0	207 0	211 0	214 0	214 0	216 0
August, 1952 ..	235 0	224 0	213 0	224 0	222 0	222 0	227 0
November, 1952 ..	237 0	228 0	216 0	229 0	228 0	230 0	231 0
February, 1953 ..	238 0	229 0	215 0	225 0	229 0	232 0	231 0
May, 1953 ..	241 0	232 0	217 0	228 0	231 0	239 0	234 0
August, 1953(b)	243 0	235 0	218 0	231 0	236 0	242 0	236 0

(a) Rates operative from beginning of first pay period commencing in months shown. (b) By decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, announced on 12th September, 1953, automatic adjustment of basic wages in accordance with variations occurring in retail price index numbers was discontinued in Commonwealth awards.

NOTE.—Since December, 1950, the female basic wage has been 75 per cent. of corresponding male rate; previously it had ranged between 54 per cent. and 75 per cent.

STATE BASIC WAGES—WEEKLY RATES.

State.	February, 1955.			May, 1955.		
	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
New South Wales(b)—						
Metropolitan and Country, excluding Broken Hill ..	Aug., 1953	243 0	182 0	Aug., 1953	243 0	182 0
Broken Hill ..	Aug., 1953	247 0	185 0	Aug., 1953	247 0	185 0
Victoria(c) ..	Feb., 1955	235 0	176 0	May, 1955	237 0	177 6
Queensland(d)—						
Southern Division (Eastern District), including Bris- bane ..	1.2.54	225 0	151 0	1.2.54	225 0	151 0
Southern Division (Western District) ..	1.2.54	232 4	154 8	1.2.54	232 4	154 8
Mackay Division ..	1.2.54	230 6	153 9	1.2.54	230 6	153 9
Northern Division (Eastern District) ..	1.2.54	235 0	156 0	1.2.54	235 0	156 0
Northern Division (Western District) ..	1.2.54	242 4	159 8	1.2.54	242 4	159 8
South Australia(e) ..	Aug., 1953	231 0	173 0	Aug., 1953	231 0	173 0
Western Australia(f)—						
Metropolitan Area ..	27.7.53	246 6	160 3	27.7.53	246 6	160 3
South-West Land Division ..	27.7.53	246 0	159 11	27.7.53	246 0	159 11
Goldfield and other areas ..	27.7.53	249 4	162 1	27.7.53	249 4	162 1
Tasmania(g) ..	Aug., 1953	242 0	181 6	Aug., 1953	242 0	181 6

(a) Where dates are not quoted wage rates operate from beginning of first pay-period in month shown. (b) Automatic adjustment discontinued from 23rd October, 1953, following decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration (see note (b) to previous table). (c) No basic wage declared but rates shown (Melbourne) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. The Labour and Industry Act requires Wages Boards to provide for the automatic adjustment of wage rates in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers. (d) Between February, 1954 and May, 1955, the Queensland Industrial Court declined to make any alteration in the basic wage consequent on quarterly movements in the "C" Series retail price index numbers. (e) The "living wage" declared for the metropolitan area is also adopted in country areas except at Whyalla where a loading of 5s. is generally payable. The "living wage" is subject to quarterly variation according to the amount of the general automatic quarterly adjustment in the Commonwealth basic wage (now discontinued) for Adelaide. (f) The West Australian Court of Arbitration from July, 1953 to May, 1955, declined to adjust the basic wage in accordance with movements in the cost-of-living statements supplied by the Government Statistician. (g) None declared but rates shown (Hobart) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards.

Section XI.—Prices.

THE INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

For a description of the structure and scope of the Interim Index and a comparison with that of the "C" Series, see Statistical Bulletin—*The Interim Retail Price Index* (1952-53 Base Year), issued 24th March, 1954.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Index: Year 1952-53=100.)

NOTE.—The index numbers hereunder are designed to measure aggregate variations in retail prices of specified groups of items for specified cities individually. They measure variations from time to time and not differences in price level as between cities nor comparative costs of groups of items.

City.	Year ended June, 1951.	Year ended June, 1952.	Year ended June, 1953.	Year ended June, 1954.	Year ended June, 1955.	1954.			1955.	
						June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.

GROUP I.—FOOD.

Sydney ..	66.1	89.9	100.0	102.4	103.6	101.8	101.6	102.8	104.6	105.1
Melbourne ..	69.2	89.1	100.0	104.6	104.3	104.3	102.7	103.4	104.8	106.2
Brisbane ..	69.2	90.1	100.0	104.1	104.2	104.0	102.3	103.3	105.2	106.0
Adelaide ..	69.2	90.5	100.0	103.5	106.2	104.2	105.1	104.9	106.5	108.2
Perth ..	69.3	87.0	100.0	106.3	109.5	109.4	109.6	108.0	109.0	111.2
Hobart ..	66.4	86.8	100.0	107.7	106.8	106.6	106.1	105.0	107.3	108.7
Six Capitals(a)	67.9	89.4	100.0	103.7	104.6	103.7	103.0	103.7	105.3	106.4

GROUP II.—CLOTHING AND DRAPERY.

Sydney ..	78.6	93.6	100.0	101.7	102.3	101.8	101.8	102.6	102.2	102.8
Melbourne ..	77.6	93.4	100.0	101.3	102.2	101.1	101.2	101.9	102.2	103.6
Brisbane ..	78.7	94.6	100.0	101.7	102.9	101.9	102.0	102.8	102.8	103.8
Adelaide ..	77.0	93.9	100.0	102.2	102.9	101.8	101.9	102.7	103.1	103.9
Perth ..	78.8	95.5	100.0	100.9	101.6	100.6	100.7	101.5	101.7	102.7
Hobart ..	78.9	94.7	100.0	102.6	103.1	102.6	102.6	103.0	103.3	103.7
Six Capitals(a)	78.1	93.8	100.0	101.6	102.4	101.5	101.6	102.3	102.4	103.3

GROUP III.—RENT(b) (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.)

Sydney ..	86.6	87.7	100.0	107.7	109.5	108.8	109.3	109.5	109.6	109.7
Melbourne ..	99.4	99.6	100.0	100.8	102.3	101.3	101.5	101.8	102.3	102.3
Brisbane ..	93.7	97.7	100.0	102.9	105.2	103.7	104.4	105.1	105.5	105.7
Adelaide ..	82.8	86.0	100.0	102.7	105.6	103.3	103.8	104.5	105.0	109.3
Perth ..	82.1	94.4	100.0	110.8	149.6	136.7	147.3	148.3	149.5	153.1
Hobart ..	85.1	91.4	100.0	108.8	109.4	109.4	109.4	109.5	109.5	109.5
Six Capitals(a)	90.3	92.6	100.0	105.0	109.6	107.7	108.9	109.3	109.7	110.5

GROUP IV.—OTHER ITEMS.(c)

Sydney ..	78.3	93.6	100.0	100.5	100.9	100.7	101.0	101.0	100.6	100.9
Melbourne ..	73.5	88.7	100.0	100.9	101.3	100.9	101.1	100.9	101.3	101.8
Brisbane ..	78.5	92.7	100.0	103.0	104.5	103.5	104.0	104.3	104.8	104.9
Adelaide ..	76.9	90.2	100.0	99.3	99.9	98.7	99.1	99.3	99.4	101.7
Perth ..	74.6	89.6	100.0	100.8	101.9	100.5	101.2	101.4	101.6	103.3
Hobart ..	72.7	89.0	100.0	108.2	105.1	104.6	104.9	105.0	105.0	105.5
Six Capitals(a)	76.3	91.3	100.0	100.9	101.4	100.9	101.2	101.2	101.2	101.9

ALL GROUPS.

Sydney ..	74.6	91.7	100.0	102.2	103.1	102.2	102.2	102.9	103.4	103.8
Melbourne ..	75.2	91.0	100.0	102.4	102.7	102.3	101.8	102.2	102.9	104.0
Brisbane ..	76.4	92.7	100.0	103.0	104.0	103.3	102.8	103.6	104.5	105.1
Adelaide ..	74.7	90.9	100.0	102.0	103.6	102.0	102.5	102.8	103.5	105.4
Perth ..	74.5	90.7	100.0	103.9	109.6	107.6	109.0	108.7	109.3	111.2
Hobart ..	73.1	89.9	100.0	106.6	105.6	105.3	105.1	104.9	105.8	106.6
Six Capitals(a)	74.9	91.4	100.0	102.5	103.6	102.7	102.7	103.2	103.8	104.7

(a) Weighted Average. (b) See note (b) on page 106. (c) A group of items under the following headings—Electricity, Gas, and Firewood; Household Sundries; Services; Cinema Admission, Radio Licence, and Newspapers; Fares; and Tobacco and Cigarettes.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

NOTE.—The retail price index numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capital Cities are made equal to 1,000.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, food and groceries, &c., since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1938.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1954.			1955.	
							June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.
GROUP I. FOOD AND GROCERIES.											
Sydney	904	1,572	2,099	2,654	2,711	2,721	2,703	2,701	2,741	2,804	2,835
Melbourne	884	1,605	2,088	2,509	2,684	2,687	2,710	2,652	2,671	2,725	2,769
Brisbane	838	1,462	1,823	2,323	2,413	2,451	2,440	2,404	2,456	2,502	2,518
Adelaide	861	1,494	1,931	2,380	2,444	2,525	2,499	2,562	2,560	2,595	2,642
Perth	899	1,597	1,963	2,359	2,608	2,802	2,832	2,848	2,798	2,819	2,905
Hobart	880	1,574	1,992	2,487	2,803	2,797	2,799	2,781	2,770	2,829	2,874
Six Capitals (a) ..	886	1,566	2,041	2,526	2,641	2,671	2,670	2,654	2,677	2,730	2,770
GROUP II.—RENT (b)—4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.											
Sydney	1,004	1,050	1,053	1,118	1,276	1,324	1,320	1,326	1,330	1,331	1,332
Melbourne	935	979	980	984	988	998	997	999	1,002	1,006	1,006
Brisbane	841	883	934	958	981	1,010	1,005	1,012	1,019	1,022	1,024
Adelaide	868	929	949	1,055	1,155	1,174	1,170	1,176	1,184	1,190	1,239
Perth	872	901	1,065	1,185	1,205	1,602	1,632	1,768	1,779	1,795	1,837
Hobart	913	941	1,048	1,079	1,249	1,271	1,271	1,271	1,272	1,272	1,272
Six Capitals (a) ..	942	987	1,009	1,057	1,138	1,192	1,191	1,205	1,209	1,213	1,222
GROUP III.—CLOTHING.											
Sydney	833	2,329	2,806	3,116	3,273	3,263	3,257	3,250	3,266	3,250	3,267
Melbourne	820	2,259	2,697	3,085	3,201	3,196	3,189	3,196	3,194	3,199	3,230
Brisbane	823	2,226	2,690	3,016	3,103	3,120	3,117	3,109	3,135	3,133	3,150
Adelaide	857	2,256	2,736	3,108	3,235	3,218	3,212	3,209	3,227	3,234	3,254
Perth	823	2,289	2,759	3,123	3,185	3,188	3,179	3,180	3,204	3,211	3,230
Hobart	848	2,286	2,752	3,089	3,212	3,238	3,239	3,229	3,235	3,243	3,262
Six Capitals (a) ..	829	2,286	2,749	3,096	3,223	3,218	3,212	3,210	3,222	3,218	3,240
GROUP IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.											
Sydney	936	1,470	1,711	1,980	2,041	2,048	2,045	2,047	2,048	2,014	2,031
Melbourne	982	1,426	1,668	1,949	2,090	2,090	2,094	2,081	2,082	2,079	2,105
Brisbane	947	1,363	1,603	1,841	1,928	1,987	1,982	1,983	1,995	1,995	2,000
Adelaide	1,023	1,470	1,710	2,025	2,098	2,103	2,102	2,102	2,102	2,103	2,156
Perth	949	1,357	1,624	1,945	2,039	2,049	2,047	2,046	2,048	2,047	2,096
Hobart	933	1,293	1,600	1,920	2,137	2,125	2,097	2,101	2,101	2,104	2,117
Six Capitals (a) ..	961	1,435	1,679	1,958	2,053	2,062	2,061	2,058	2,060	2,046	2,070
TOTAL ALL GROUPS.											
Sydney	913	1,593	1,933	2,265	2,368	2,382	2,373	2,372	2,391	2,405	2,423
Melbourne	896	1,565	1,880	2,170	2,285	2,288	2,295	2,273	2,281	2,302	2,329
Brisbane	852	1,472	1,760	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,163	2,150	2,178	2,195	2,206
Adelaide	888	1,521	1,833	2,159	2,246	2,277	2,265	2,289	2,294	2,310	2,352
Perth	883	1,538	1,860	2,170	2,295	2,459	2,475	2,512	2,502	2,514	2,569
Hobart	887	1,526	1,861	2,180	2,399	2,406	2,402	2,394	2,391	2,415	2,438
Six Capitals (a) ..	897	1,560	1,883	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,324	2,321	2,333	2,349	2,375

(a) Weighted average.

(b) See note (b) on page 106.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1939.	1954.				1955.				Percentage increase from August 1939, to June, 1955.
	August.	Month.			June Qtr.	Month.			June Qtr.	
		April.	May.	June.		April.	May.	June.		
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney	926	2,712	2,702	2,696	2,703	2,848	2,827	2,829	2,835	205.51
Newcastle	960	2,797	2,791	2,758	2,782	2,951	2,939	2,937	2,942	205.94
Broken Hill	1,069	3,019	3,020	3,006	3,015	3,029	3,019	3,036	3,028	184.00
Goulburn	991	2,858	2,836	2,824	2,839	2,965	2,960	2,965	2,963	199.19
Bathurst	939	2,882	2,878	2,884	2,881	2,984	2,984	2,983	2,984	217.68
FIVE TOWNS (a)	932	2,727	2,718	2,710	2,718	2,862	2,842	2,844	2,849	205.15
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne	931	2,711	2,716	2,703	2,710	2,756	2,766	2,786	2,769	199.25
Ballarat	939	2,770	2,770	2,768	2,769	2,785	2,803	2,831	2,806	201.49
Bendigo	915	2,692	2,694	2,689	2,692	2,752	2,773	2,785	2,770	204.37
Geelong	942	2,704	2,713	2,704	2,707	2,775	2,784	2,794	2,784	196.60
Warrnambool	952	2,832	2,830	2,830	2,831	2,873	2,883	2,894	2,883	203.99
FIVE TOWNS (a)	932	2,714	2,718	2,706	2,713	2,758	2,769	2,788	2,772	199.14
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane	855	2,461	2,438	2,422	2,440	2,530	2,509	2,515	2,518	194.15
Toowoomba	812	2,506	2,497	2,490	2,498	2,633	2,582	2,582	2,599	217.98
Rockhampton	893	2,593	2,569	2,556	2,573	2,635	2,574	2,566	2,592	187.35
Townsville	948	2,711	2,660	2,628	2,666	2,733	2,684	2,681	2,699	182.81
Bundaberg	906	2,560	2,543	2,530	2,544	2,658	2,584	2,585	2,609	185.32
FIVE TOWNS (a)	862	2,494	2,470	2,453	2,472	2,562	2,533	2,536	2,544	194.20
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide	882	2,478	2,507	2,512	2,499	2,642	2,635	2,650	2,642	200.45
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	980	2,557	2,568	2,564	2,563	2,694	2,701	2,707	2,701	176.22
Port Pirie	1,001	2,576	2,608	2,616	2,600	2,733	2,732	2,746	2,737	174.33
Mount Gambier	930	2,606	2,639	2,636	2,627	2,668	2,677	2,698	2,681	190.11
Peterborough	983	2,568	2,687	2,674	2,643	2,694	2,694	2,712	2,700	175.89
FIVE TOWNS (a)	891	2,487	2,516	2,520	2,508	2,647	2,641	2,657	2,648	198.20
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth and Fremantle	947	2,812	2,824	2,861	2,832	2,909	2,904	2,903	2,905	206.55
Kalgoorlie and Boulder	1,102	2,899	2,901	2,898	2,899	3,029	3,078	3,083	3,063	179.76
Northam	981	2,792	2,801	2,827	2,807	2,960	2,969	2,973	2,967	203.06
Bunbury	975	2,819	2,862	2,867	2,849	3,003	3,006	3,009	3,006	208.62
Geraldton	958	2,827	2,828	2,902	2,852	2,983	2,987	2,990	2,987	212.11
FIVE TOWNS (a)	960	2,818	2,830	2,864	2,837	2,923	2,922	2,922	2,922	204.38
TASMANIA—										
Hobart	914	2,788	2,788	2,820	2,799	2,857	2,875	2,891	2,874	216.30
Launceston	905	2,724	2,724	2,761	2,736	2,763	2,767	2,764	2,765	205.41
Burnie	942	2,749	2,743	2,775	2,756	2,811	2,813	2,826	2,817	200.00
Devonport	930	2,730	2,718	2,757	2,735	2,784	2,791	2,795	2,790	200.54
Queenstown	1,018	2,887	2,890	2,920	2,899	2,972	2,993	3,034	3,000	198.04
FIVE TOWNS (a)	917	2,768	2,767	2,801	2,779	2,827	2,840	2,850	2,839	210.80
THIRTY TOWNS (a)	922	2,682	2,680	2,675	2,679	2,779	2,771	2,780	2,777	201.52
SIX CAPITALS (a)	918	2,672	2,671	2,667	2,670	2,772	2,764	2,773	2,770	202.07
Lithgow (N.S.W.) (b)	948	2,876	2,856	2,848	2,860	2,973	2,984	2,988	2,982	215.19
Warwick (Q.) (b)	851	2,550	2,536	2,538	2,541	2,628	2,598	2,600	2,609	205.52
Port Augusta (S.A.) (b)	994	2,560	2,565	2,546	2,557	2,706	2,698	2,712	2,705	172.84
Whyalla (S.A.) (b)	(c)	2,654	2,655	2,636	2,648	2,796	2,797	2,809	2,801	(c)
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b)	1,046	2,846	2,845	2,848	2,846	3,042	3,051	3,056	3,050	192.16

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Not included in weighted averages above.

(c) Not available.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

Retail Price Index Numbers—Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 Roomed Houses), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1954.			1955.	
							June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	913	1,593	1,933	2,265	2,368	2,382	2,373	2,372	2,391	2,405	2,423
Newcastle	877	1,543	1,901	2,209	2,295	2,324	2,319	2,311	2,340	2,358	2,388
Broken Hill	940	1,602	1,997	2,344	2,411	2,421	2,425	2,410	2,415	2,421	2,439
Goulburn	893	1,578	1,921	2,232	2,302	2,327	2,329	2,318	2,343	2,372	2,398
Bathurst	860	1,552	1,882	2,219	2,364	2,382	2,383	2,366	2,385	2,412	2,424
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	911	1,591	1,931	2,262	2,362	2,378	2,369	2,368	2,387	2,401	2,420
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	896	1,565	1,880	2,170	2,285	2,288	2,295	2,273	2,281	2,302	2,329
Ballarat	850	1,509	1,857	2,147	2,265	2,272	2,283	2,257	2,258	2,276	2,310
Bendigo	854	1,520	1,826	2,139	2,261	2,266	2,271	2,254	2,261	2,280	2,310
Geelong	884	1,549	1,871	2,154	2,263	2,268	2,272	2,257	2,265	2,275	2,319
Warrnambool	892	1,558	1,886	2,205	2,323	2,345	2,350	2,332	2,340	2,356	2,381
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	893	1,561	1,877	2,168	2,283	2,286	2,293	2,272	2,279	2,300	2,328
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	852	1,472	1,760	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,163	2,150	2,178	2,195	2,206
Toowoomba	843	1,486	1,773	2,083	2,160	2,191	2,197	2,173	2,191	2,227	2,247
Rockhampton	853	1,491	1,785	2,091	2,166	2,206	2,215	2,191	2,198	2,238	2,251
Townsville	902	1,525	1,818	2,148	2,243	2,284	2,288	2,270	2,275	2,326	2,330
Bundaberg	831	1,464	1,754	2,056	2,118	2,157	2,163	2,144	2,161	2,188	2,200
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	854	1,478	1,767	2,072	2,145	2,181	2,177	2,162	2,186	2,209	2,220
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	888	1,521	1,833	2,159	2,246	2,277	2,265	2,289	2,294	2,310	2,352
Kadina, &c.	786	1,423	1,742	2,077	2,162	2,201	2,190	2,208	2,212	2,229	2,257
Port Pirie	868	1,500	1,811	2,135	2,210	2,251	2,237	2,263	2,267	2,281	2,306
Mount Gambier	849	1,499	1,863	2,145	2,226	2,267	2,269	2,265	2,267	2,282	2,311
Peterborough	868	1,496	1,808	2,129	2,199	2,255	2,260	2,254	2,277	2,297	2,330
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	883	1,516	1,829	2,155	2,241	2,274	2,262	2,285	2,290	2,305	2,347
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	882	1,538	1,860	2,170	2,295	2,459	2,475	2,512	2,502	2,514	2,569
Kalgoorlie, &c.	1,048	1,636	1,940	2,262	2,361	2,426	2,418	2,435	2,442	2,452	2,497
Northam	900	1,550	1,870	2,186	2,315	2,417	2,395	2,441	2,470	2,481	2,523
Bunbury	914	1,559	1,870	2,195	2,314	2,447	2,403	2,498	2,512	2,519	2,586
Geraldton	957	1,611	1,956	2,293	2,421	2,577	2,550	2,648	2,638	2,643	2,690
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	897	1,547	1,868	2,180	2,303	2,458	2,469	2,507	2,500	2,512	2,565
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	887	1,526	1,861	2,180	2,399	2,406	2,402	2,394	2,391	2,415	2,438
Launceston	872	1,493	1,857	2,154	2,359	2,364	2,359	2,360	2,349	2,364	2,378
Burnie	865	1,484	1,810	2,120	2,309	2,316	2,311	2,306	2,297	2,326	2,344
Devonport	848	1,481	1,793	2,093	2,285	2,295	2,285	2,286	2,275	2,294	2,313
Queens Town	875	1,494	1,808	2,119	2,308	2,321	2,311	2,316	2,313	2,330	2,355
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	879	1,511	1,852	2,163	2,375	2,381	2,376	2,372	2,367	2,387	2,407
THIRTY TOWNS (a) ..	894	1,556	1,880	2,193	2,299	2,323	2,321	2,317	2,329	2,346	2,372
SIX CAPITALS (a) ..	897	1,560	1,883	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,324	2,321	2,333	2,349	2,375
Warwick (Q.) (b) ..	800	1,461	1,751	2,063	2,140	2,178	2,180	2,168	2,183	2,207	2,213
Port Augusta (S.A.) (b) ..	863	1,512	1,823	2,141	2,204	2,235	2,222	2,248	2,248	2,263	2,299
Whyalla (S.A.) (b) ..	(c)	1,515	1,848	2,166	2,274	2,313	2,298	2,327	2,322	2,342	2,369
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) ..	966	1,600	1,931	2,247	2,328	2,353	2,344	2,337	2,386	2,397	2,420

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Not included in weighted averages above.

(c) Not available.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The "C" Series Retail Price Index and its Group Index Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	Total "C" Series Index.
Year—					
1914(c)	641	649	754	749	687
1919(c)	1,026	768	1,238	1,036	1,022
1924.. ..	969	988	1,003	1,004	987
1925.. ..	998	1,008	991	992	997
1926.. ..	1,023	1,026	986	998	1,011
1927.. ..	1,000	1,030	975	1,008	1,002
1928.. ..	985	1,066	997	1,010	1,009
1929.. ..	1,044	1,073	996	1,007	1,033
1930.. ..	941	1,047	951	999	975
1931.. ..	826	901	853	973	873
1932.. ..	796	817	804	958	830
1933.. ..	751	804	787	950	804
1934.. ..	783	810	785	944	817
1935.. ..	806	839	783	946	832
1936.. ..	825	879	792	947	850
1937.. ..	851	912	811	960	873
1938.. ..	886	942	829	961	897
1939.. ..	927	965	841	962	920
1940.. ..	939	973	956	998	957
1941.. ..	947	976	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942.. ..	1,031	976	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943.. ..	1,037	975	1,440	1,160	1,131
1944.. ..	1,026	976	1,435	1,165	1,126
1945.. ..	1,034	975	1,425	1,161	1,126
1946.. ..	1,036	976	1,505	1,167	1,145
1947.. ..	1,100	977	1,566	1,199	1,188
1948.. ..	1,256	979	1,744	1,257	1,295
1949.. ..	1,394	982	1,997	1,338	1,415
1950.. ..	1,566	987	2,286	1,435	1,560
1951.. ..	2,041	1,009	2,749	1,679	1,883
1952.. ..	2,526	1,057	3,096	1,958	2,196
1953.. ..	2,641	1,138	3,223	2,053	2,302
1954.. ..	2,671	1,192	3,218	2,062	2,326
Quarter—					
1954—June	2,670	1,191	3,212	2,061	2,324
September	2,654	1,205	3,210	2,058	2,321
December	2,677	1,209	3,222	2,060	2,333
1955—March	2,730	1,213	3,218	2,046	2,349
June	2,770	1,222	3,240	2,070	2,375

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000.

(b) Rent.—The rent index numbers shown in the table above and elsewhere in this publication measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Rentals of new tenanted houses completed since the end of the war are not taken into account.

(c) November.

**NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED:
QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE, 1955.**

Prices.

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Item.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	13.30	13.30	13.30	13.50	13.50	14.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	12.10	12.10	12.10	11.50	11.50	11.50
self-raising ..	"	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.93	20.07	20.14	18.90	18.90	18.90	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.60	20.70	20.70
Tea ..	1lb.	89.00	89.00	89.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	92.00	92.00	92.00	90.50	90.50	90.50	90.00	90.00	90.00
Sugar ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.75	9.75	9.89	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.75	9.75	9.75
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.60	12.60	12.60
Sago ..	"	12.15	12.15	12.30	13.50	13.50	13.20	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.38	14.50	14.50	13.90	13.90	13.90
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	29.80	29.80	29.85	29.93	29.93	29.93	28.90	29.10	29.10	30.60	30.60	30.80	30.60	30.70	30.80
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	18.45	18.45	18.45	20.50	20.50	20.57	22.20	22.20	22.20	21.50	21.50	21.50	20.50	20.50	20.50
Oats, flaked ..	1b.	9.00	10.08	10.08	10.75	11.75	11.75	10.68	11.96	11.96	11.50	11.50	12.25	10.38	11.00	11.25
Raisins, seeded ..	"	31.80	31.80	31.80	30.50	29.90	29.90	30.80	30.80	30.80	33.10	32.20	32.00	32.13	32.00	32.00
Currants ..	"	24.88	24.88	24.88	23.83	23.83	23.83	22.88	22.75	22.75	25.75	25.75	25.75	24.30	24.90	24.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	61.19	62.50	61.17	60.17	60.17	59.38	53.20	52.60	53.00	62.50	60.25	60.25	61.13	61.13	61.13
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	38.65	38.65	38.65	38.36	38.36	38.36	39.10	39.10	39.10	38.80	38.80	38.80	39.90	39.90	39.90
Pears, canned ..	"	41.60	41.60	41.60	41.50	41.50	41.50	40.10	40.10	40.10	42.40	42.40	42.40	42.60	42.60	42.60
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	39.90	42.85	42.10	50.42	49.25	46.17	46.00	42.00	43.40	40.60	38.70	39.90	42.00	40.60	40.60
Onions, brown ..	1b.	7.80	8.30	8.80	8.75	8.58	8.67	7.25	7.50	8.20	9.50	9.13	9.13	9.75	10.00	10.00
Soap ..	"	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.21	18.35	18.24	19.80	20.20	20.20	19.67	19.67	19.67	19.40	19.40	19.40
Kerosene ..	quart	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.10	8.10	8.10	9.83	9.83	9.83	9.48	9.48	9.48	9.80	9.80	9.78
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	1b.	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	52.50	52.50	52.50	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	33.56	33.56	33.86	33.63	33.63	34.38	36.00	36.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.25	34.50	34.50	34.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	72.00	75.00	75.00	72.00	75.00	75.00	69.60	69.80	71.40	73.00	76.80	76.40	72.00	75.00	75.00
Bacon, rashers ..	1b.	69.00	69.00	69.00	65.75	67.00	67.00	70.67	70.67	70.67	68.80	68.80	68.80	69.38	68.88	68.88
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	25.40	25.40	25.40	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.60	24.60	24.60
fresh(b)(d) loose	quart	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50
" (b)(d) in	"															
bottles ..	"	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	..	..	..	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Meat—		June Quarter, 1955.			June Quarter, 1955.			June Quarter, 1955.			June Quarter, 1955.			June Quarter, 1955.		
Beef, sirloin ..	1b.	45.19			47.26			44.14			45.20			46.50		
" rib (without	"	34.20			35.74			32.51			35.40			36.75		
bone)(c) ..	"	57.30			60.21			57.14			59.40			58.50		
" steak, rump ..	"	29.93			31.41			34.18			31.20			32.25		
" chuck ..	"	20.03			22.95			21.91			21.80			22.00		
" sausages ..	"															
Beef (corned) silver-	"	35.53			40.02			39.19			37.20			38.25		
side ..	"	24.53			23.00			31.91			29.40			30.58		
" brisket ..	"	22.87			26.29			23.67			26.33			27.00		
Mutton, leg ..	"	15.11			16.50			18.71			17.67			17.25		
" forequarter ..	"	24.77			24.15			33.52			27.67			29.25		
" loin ..	"	24.70			24.76			36.00			27.67			30.00		
" chops, loin ..	"	25.97			25.71			34.95			27.67			30.00		
" leg ..	"	51.20			55.19			57.14			52.60			46.17		
Pork, loin ..	"	52.53			53.86			57.14			52.60			48.00		
" chops ..	"	52.80			54.14			58.86			52.60			48.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.
published for this quarter should not be compared, without inquiry, with those prices or price relatives published for earlier quarters.

(b) Delivered.

(c) Amounts shown for previous quarters related to rib (with bone).

(d) Prices

**VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED:
QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE, 1955.**

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Prices.

Item.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARNAMBOOL.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ^(b) ..	2 lb.	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.50	15.50	15.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	11.15	11.25	11.25	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.42	11.42	11.42	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.40	11.40	11.40
" self-raising ..	"	17.50	17.50	17.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.40	19.40	19.40
Tea ..	lb.	89.00	88.60	88.60	89.60	89.60	89.60	89.75	89.75	89.75	88.63	88.63	88.63	90.20	90.20	90.20
Sugar ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.48	9.48	9.48	9.64	9.64	9.64	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.70	9.70	9.70
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.60	12.50	12.60	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.70	13.70	13.70
Sago ..	"	13.00	12.13	11.88	12.80	13.00	13.00	13.70	13.70	14.00	12.13	11.63	12.38	12.90	12.90	13.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	27.50	27.40	27.50	27.20	27.20	27.20	26.17	26.17	26.17	27.63	27.63	27.63	28.80	28.90	28.90
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	19.10	19.10	19.10	20.10	20.10	20.10	21.50	21.50	21.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	21.80	22.00	22.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	10.00	10.00	10.33	10.00	10.25	10.88	10.63	11.88	11.88	9.25	9.50	9.25	10.63	10.63	10.67
Raisins, seeded ..	"	29.39	28.72	28.28	30.00	29.60	29.20	30.13	29.75	29.75	29.50	29.25	23.75	30.90	30.30	30.70
Currants ..	"	22.25	22.25	22.25	23.00	23.30	23.20	22.70	22.60	22.60	23.50	23.50	23.50	24.88	24.88	24.88
Apricots, dried ..	"	59.83	59.83	59.83	56.50	56.50	56.50	59.50	57.00	56.75	59.33	59.33	59.33	56.67	56.67	56.67
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	33.40	33.40	33.40	33.90	33.90	33.90	34.25	34.25	34.25	33.00	33.00	33.00	36.90	36.90	36.90
Pears, canned ..	"	35.45	35.45	35.45	35.20	35.20	35.20	36.75	36.75	36.75	34.50	34.50	34.50	39.10	39.10	39.10
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	31.50	31.50	31.29	29.90	30.80	31.50	34.25	35.25	35.25	32.75	31.50	30.63	28.40	29.40	29.80
Onions, brown ..	lb.	6.90	6.40	6.50	6.70	5.80	5.90	6.75	6.75	7.25	5.13	5.25	5.75	5.70	5.90	5.90
Soap ..	quart	17.97	17.97	17.97	18.45	18.49	18.63	18.71	18.77	18.77	17.97	17.97	17.97	19.12	19.32	19.32
Kerosene ..	"	8.26	8.28	8.29	8.98	9.00	9.00	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.57	8.47	8.57	9.58	9.58	9.55
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	49.30	49.30	49.30	49.50	49.50	49.50	48.08	48.08	48.08	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.67	33.67	33.67	33.83	33.83	33.83	32.88	32.88	32.88	34.00	34.00	34.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	67.80	67.90	74.50	68.00	68.00	74.60	68.00	68.00	74.83	68.00	68.00	74.50	67.80	67.80	74.80
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	66.33	68.75	72.58	67.40	70.60	70.80	65.60	69.20	70.80	67.25	70.00	72.63	68.60	71.40	72.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	22.50	22.50	22.50	23.70	23.70	23.70	23.17	23.17	23.17	22.25	22.25	22.25	23.70	23.70	23.70
" fresh ^{(b)(d)} loose ..	quart	17.00	17.00	17.00	..	..	..	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.50	16.50	16.50
" " ^{(b)(d)} in bottles ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	June Quarter, 1955. 39.60			June Quarter, 1955. 38.09			June Quarter, 1955. 37.00			June Quarter, 1955. 37.27			June Quarter, 1955. 39.00		
" rib (without bone) ^(c) ..	"		38.90			37.37			37.47			38.42			40.00	
" steak, rump ..	"		52.40			50.17			49.62			51.00			49.80	
" " chuck ..	"		32.83			34.17			32.71			32.53			33.60	
" sausages ..	"		19.56			20.50			21.33			20.00			21.40	
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"		38.37			37.80			37.52			38.20			39.00	
" " brisket ..	"		28.03			30.66			30.86			30.33			30.00	
Mutton, leg ..	"		25.19			25.89			23.27			26.20			29.25	
" " forequarter ..	"		16.05			16.00			15.53			15.87			19.25	
" " loin ..	"		21.29			23.06			21.27			24.93			27.75	
" " chops, loin ..	"		23.48			25.89			24.00			26.20			30.75	
" " leg ..	"		26.76			26.83			22.67			26.20			30.75	
Pork, leg ..	"		49.04			48.00			49.40			48.80			48.00	
" " loin ..	"		50.26			49.00			50.60			48.93			48.00	
" " chops ..	"		51.23			50.50			50.60			50.40			52.50	

^(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives. published for this quarter should not be compared, without inquiry, with those prices or price relatives published for earlier quarters.

^(b) Delivered.

^(c) Amounts shown for previous quarters related to rib (with bone).

^(d) Prices

**QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED :
QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE, 1955.**

Item.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ^(b) ..	2 lb.	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.36	9.36	9.36	11.14	11.14	11.14	11.70	11.70	11.70	10.00	10.00	10.00
" self-raising ..	"	17.60	17.60	17.60	19.36	19.36	19.36	20.57	20.71	20.71	20.90	20.70	20.90	20.10	20.10	20.10
Tea ..	1 lb.	86.70	86.70	86.70	86.79	86.79	86.79	87.43	87.43	88.43	88.90	88.90	88.90	88.20	88.20	88.20
Sugar ..	"	8.95	8.95	8.95	9.39	9.39	9.39	9.29	9.29	9.29	10.50	10.50	10.50	8.95	8.95	8.95
Rice ^(c) ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	13.21	13.17	13.14	13.30	13.30	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Sago ..	"	13.25	13.15	13.00	12.75	12.75	12.67	14.42	14.25	14.25	16.10	16.10	15.90	13.88	14.13	14.70
Jam, plum ..	1 1/2 lb.	27.25	27.25	27.10	28.71	28.57	28.57	30.64	30.71	30.71	30.20	30.40	30.10	28.80	28.80	28.80
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	17.35	17.35	17.35	18.93	18.93	18.93	20.57	20.64	20.57	22.40	22.40	22.40	18.00	18.00	18.00
Oats, flaked ..	1 lb.	10.08	10.75	10.75	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	13.00	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.75	10.75	10.75
Raisins, seeded ..	"	26.10	26.00	26.15	27.67	27.67	27.67	27.29	27.00	27.57	26.75	26.88	27.50	29.30	29.30	29.50
Currants ..	"	21.75	22.25	22.25	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.30	23.20	23.20	23.10	23.10	23.13	22.50	22.50	22.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	54.33	53.29	54.00	52.67	49.83	50.75	53.60	53.83	53.57	53.60	53.50	51.88	56.25	55.80	55.70
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	36.40	36.35	36.85	36.86	36.86	37.07	37.43	37.71	37.67	37.80	37.30	37.30	38.30	38.00	38.00
Pears, canned ..	"	38.15	38.15	38.25	39.21	39.21	39.07	39.29	39.57	39.57	38.30	38.30	38.90	41.00	40.00	39.90
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	51.45	48.65	49.00	44.00	39.86	39.21	53.36	48.71	47.43	52.80	52.00	51.00	55.00	49.00	48.20
Onions, brown ..	lb.	7.30	7.25	8.00	8.64	8.64	8.64	8.64	8.43	8.50	8.90	8.40	8.30	8.80	8.60	9.20
Soap ..	"	18.13	18.13	18.13	18.19	18.19	18.19	18.09	18.09	18.09	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.06	18.06	18.06
Kerosene ..	quart	8.34	8.34	8.34	9.19	9.19	9.19	10.52	10.52	10.52	9.27	9.27	9.27	10.60	10.60	10.60
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	49.10	49.10	49.10	48.07	48.07	48.07	48.43	48.43	48.43	51.40	50.70	50.00	48.70	48.70	48.70
Cheese, mild ..	"	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.14	32.14	32.14	34.93	35.07	35.21	35.60	36.40	36.40	33.80	33.60	33.70
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	63.70	67.60	67.80	58.60	65.75	65.80	69.50	74.17	74.17	75.00	76.50	79.50	63.40	64.80	67.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	55.65	55.95	56.85	52.64	52.93	53.36	55.07	55.21	55.36	53.50	53.83	53.83	53.70	53.90	53.90
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.30	23.30	23.30	23.71	23.71	23.71	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.10	24.10	24.10	24.00	24.00	24.00
" fresh ^{(b)(d)} loose ..	quart	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" ^{(b)(d)} in bottles ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Meat—		June Quarter, 1955.			June Quarter, 1955.			June Quarter, 1955.			June Quarter, 1955.			June Quarter, 1955.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.		32.24			35.78			31.33			32.00			34.00	
" rib (without bone) ^(c) ..	"		26.66			30.29			26.17			26.33			28.33	
" steak, rump ..	"		39.67			42.55			37.17			37.33			41.00	
" chuck ..	"		20.26			23.61			22.17			21.33			22.67	
" sausages ..	"		18.80			19.81			19.19			19.60			19.67	
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"		23.92			32.99			28.95			27.67			30.53	
" brisket ..	"		21.51			24.95			24.12			22.13			24.33	
Mutton, leg ..	"		21.61			26.06			23.00			24.80			24.20	
" forequarter ..	"		13.52			15.73			15.80			16.96			17.00	
" loin ..	"		19.51			21.82			19.67			22.17			20.53	
" chops, loin ..	"		21.85			24.59			22.67			24.43			23.73	
" leg ..	"		21.61			23.46			21.76			23.80			23.53	
Pork, leg ..	"		42.07			39.00			38.67			51.00			39.00	
" loin ..	"		41.03			39.00			38.67			48.75			36.60	
" chops ..	"		41.07			39.00			38.67			47.40			38.40	

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.
published for this quarter should not be compared, without inquiry, with those prices or price relatives published for earlier quarters.

(b) Delivered.

(c) Amounts shown for previous quarters related to rib (with bone).

(d) Prices

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE, 1955.

Item.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIRIE.			MOUNT GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread(b) ..	2 b.	13.50	13.50	13.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.14	10.14	10.14	10.86	10.86	10.86	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.75	10.75	10.75
" self-raising ..	"	16.45	16.45	16.45	18.14	18.14	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	17.10	17.30	17.30	18.75	18.75	18.75
Tea ..	b.	89.00	89.00	89.00	89.57	89.57	89.57	89.93	90.00	89.93	90.40	90.40	90.40	90.00	90.00	90.00
Sugar ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.46	9.46	9.46	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.50
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.71	12.71	12.71	12.93	12.93	12.93	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.00	13.00	13.00
Sago ..	"	12.95	13.05	13.05	14.29	14.21	14.36	14.71	14.71	14.79	16.80	15.10	15.10	14.13	14.50	14.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	27.25	27.25	27.25	28.07	28.07	28.07	28.86	28.86	28.86	29.20	29.20	29.20	28.50	28.50	28.50
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	18.50	18.50	18.50	19.86	19.86	19.86	19.86	19.86	19.86	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.81	10.81	10.81	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.28	11.28	11.28	11.80	11.80	11.80
Raisins, seeded ..	"	28.50	28.50	28.50	29.29	29.21	29.21	29.86	29.86	29.86	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.63	29.63	29.63
Currants ..	"	23.20	23.25	23.30	23.83	23.86	23.86	23.70	23.80	23.70	24.13	24.13	24.13	24.17	24.38	24.38
Apricots, dried ..	"	56.95	56.20	55.50	56.83	56.50	56.71	58.40	58.40	57.13	59.38	59.38	59.38	57.50	57.50	57.50
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	37.15	37.95	37.90	38.42	39.14	39.57	38.50	38.64	39.07	37.90	37.00	37.00	39.88	39.88	39.88
Pears, canned ..	"	37.75	37.75	37.75	38.93	39.43	39.64	39.07	39.21	39.50	38.70	37.60	37.60	40.00	40.00	40.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	31.06	29.31	33.25	33.67	38.67	40.50	34.21	33.79	37.64	27.13	29.75	31.50	35.00	34.00	38.38
Onions, brown ..	lb.	7.60	7.60	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.93	8.07	8.29	7.50	6.00	6.00	7.25	7.00	7.00
Soap ..	"	18.33	18.33	18.33	19.09	19.09	19.09	18.47	18.47	18.47	18.80	18.80	18.80	19.25	19.25	19.25
Kerosene ..	quart	7.78	7.78	7.78	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.88	8.88	8.88	8.79	8.79	8.79	8.78	8.78	8.78
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	49.50	49.50	49.50	50.29	50.36	50.43	50.50	50.50	50.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	32.50	32.50	32.50	33.57	33.57	33.57	33.50	33.50	33.50	32.25	32.25	32.25	33.63	33.63	33.63
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	64.80	64.80	66.70	53.00	56.25	58.20	53.50	56.50	58.00	56.00	55.50	56.50	54.00	57.33	59.33
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	65.45	65.45	65.45	67.50	67.50	67.50	67.25	66.70	66.70	67.90	67.90	67.90	67.50	67.50	67.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.35	23.35	23.35	24.14	24.14	24.14	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.20	24.20	24.20	24.38	24.38	24.38
" fresh(b)(d) loose ..	quart	16.50	16.50	16.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.50	17.50	17.50	15.00	15.00	16.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
" (b)(d) in bottles ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	..	..	..	19.00	19.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	..	..	..
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.		31.90			30.95			32.26			32.80			32.00	
" rib (without bone)(c) ..	"		35.20			33.90			35.41			36.80			38.00	
" steak, rump ..	"		50.30			48.66			50.48			50.40			50.50	
" chuck ..	"		30.20			30.05			31.62			30.20			30.67	
" sausages ..	"		18.00			17.86			18.71			18.00			19.00	
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"		36.00			34.95			36.34			36.00			36.00	
" brisket ..	"		29.60			29.52			30.34			28.60			30.00	
Mutton, leg ..	"		24.31			22.00			23.00			23.00			22.50	
" forequarter ..	"		12.04			11.71			12.86			12.40			11.50	
" loin ..	"		22.24			22.00			23.05			23.53			22.50	
" chops, loin ..	"		22.83			22.29			24.57			24.40			23.00	
" leg ..	"		23.56			22.29			24.57			24.47			23.00	
Pork, leg ..	"		49.70			40.29			43.57			45.00			42.00	
" loin ..	"		49.70			40.43			43.29			45.00			43.00	
" chops ..	"		50.13			40.71			47.57			47.25			42.00	

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE, 1955.

Item.	Unit.	PERTH.			KALGOORLIE.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ^(b) ..	2 lb.	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	16.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.00	16.00	16.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	13.50	13.60	13.60	14.83	15.17	15.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" self-raising ..	"	19.50	19.50	19.50	22.75	22.92	22.92	21.13	21.13	21.25	20.50	20.70	20.70	23.00	23.00	23.00
Tea ..	lb.	92.85	91.60	91.60	94.83	94.83	94.83	93.88	93.88	93.88	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.90	94.90	94.90
Sugar ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.08	10.08	10.08	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.78	9.78	9.68	9.95	9.95	9.95
Rice ..	"	11.75	11.75	11.75	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.75	12.75	12.63	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.40	13.40	13.40
Sago ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.67	15.50	16.00	15.88	15.88	15.88	16.63	16.63	16.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	31.85	31.80	31.50	34.92	34.92	35.08	33.88	33.63	33.63	33.90	33.90	33.90	34.90	34.90	34.90
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	19.85	19.85	19.95	23.42	23.42	23.42	21.63	21.63	21.63	21.88	21.88	21.88	22.90	22.90	22.90
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	12.07	11.88	11.71	13.00	16.00	16.00	12.50	13.25	13.25	11.17	13.08	13.00	13.00	16.00	16.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	30.25	30.25	29.75	33.33	33.33	33.33	32.17	32.17	31.17	34.50	34.50	34.50	32.75	32.00	32.00
Currants ..	"	24.50	24.25	24.05	26.42	26.42	26.42	24.33	24.33	24.33	25.30	25.30	25.30	26.50	26.50	26.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	63.67	62.86	60.00	62.33	60.67	61.00	61.00	61.00	62.00	62.50	63.67	63.67	66.13	65.13	65.13
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	38.50	39.55	39.50	45.25	45.33	45.33	43.13	43.25	42.75	43.38	43.38	43.13	44.40	44.60	44.60
Pears, canned ..	"	39.70	40.35	40.75	47.00	48.92	48.58	43.75	43.75	43.25	44.75	44.75	45.00	45.90	45.90	45.90
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	36.88	36.88	36.88	37.42	37.42	37.42	39.50	39.50	39.50	36.00	36.00	35.80	38.60	38.60	38.60
Onions, brown ..	lb.	7.94	7.63	7.88	7.75	7.83	7.83	8.50	8.50	8.75	8.50	8.50	9.00	7.90	8.10	8.10
Soap ..	"	19.30	19.30	19.30	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.25	20.25	20.17	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.67	19.67	19.67
Kerosene ..	quart	13.03	13.03	13.03	16.11	16.06	16.11	14.92	14.92	15.05	14.77	14.77	14.77	15.89	15.89	15.89
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	48.20	48.20	48.20	52.00	52.00	52.00	51.00	51.00	51.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	52.00	52.00	52.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	38.29	38.10	37.70	40.79	40.60	40.20	39.29	39.10	38.70	40.29	40.10	39.70	39.79	39.60	39.20
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	65.70	65.70	65.70	67.50	70.67	74.17	64.25	64.25	67.75	65.00	65.00	69.20	65.40	65.40	69.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	65.88	65.63	65.33	68.42	68.42	68.33	66.67	67.33	67.33	67.38	67.38	67.38	68.50	68.50	68.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.10	22.85	23.10	25.17	25.17	25.17	24.13	24.00	24.00	24.40	24.40	24.10	25.50	25.50	25.50
" fresh ^(b) (d) loose ..	quart	17.00	17.00	17.00	22.17	22.17	22.17	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
" (b)(d) in ..	"															
" bottles ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	..	..	..	24.00	24.00	24.00
Meat—		June Quarter, 1955.			June Quarter, 1955.			June Quarter, 1955.			June Quarter, 1955.			June Quarter, 1955.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.		39.40			36.29			38.45			41.40			37.00	
" rib (without ..	"															
bone)(c) ..	"		40.37			39.86			38.78			42.00			38.00	
" steak, rump ..	"		55.37			53.71			54.67			54.00			48.00	
" chuck ..	"		35.40			35.00			35.67			38.00			35.33	
" sausages ..	"		21.98			24.00			24.00			25.00			22.00	
" (corned) silver- ..	"															
side ..	"		38.83			36.29			39.11			39.80			37.00	
" " brisket ..	"		30.43			30.00			32.00			30.00			33.33	
Mutton, leg ..	"		29.70			29.57			29.67			34.40			28.83	
" forequarter ..	"		18.30			20.00			19.00			20.80			17.33	
" loin ..	"		29.10			28.57			27.00			30.00			24.67	
" chops, loin ..	"		29.10			29.00			28.33			30.00			25.33	
" " leg ..	"		29.10			29.57			29.33			30.00			27.00	
Pork, leg ..	"		50.01			48.29			42.00			43.00			48.00	
" loin ..	"		49.79			47.43			40.33			45.00			48.00	
" chops ..	"		49.79			47.43			41.33			45.00			48.00	

PRICES.

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**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED:
QUARTER ENDED 30th June, 1955.**

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PRICES.

Item.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.50	15.00	15.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	10.60	10.60	11.90	10.42	10.42	10.92	11.00	11.00	12.40	11.00	11.00	11.90	11.33	11.33	12.67
" self-raising ..	"	19.10	19.10	19.10	19.08	19.08	19.08	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.40	19.40	19.40	20.67	20.67	20.67
Tea ..	lb.	91.00	91.00	91.00	91.00	91.00	91.00	91.00	91.00	91.00	91.10	91.10	91.10	91.50	91.50	91.50
Sugar ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.05	9.05	9.05	9.25	9.25	9.25
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.83	11.83	11.83	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.17	12.17	12.50
Sago ..	"	13.55	13.90	15.39	13.20	12.80	14.00	14.25	15.13	15.50	15.00	14.90	16.00	16.50	16.50	16.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	28.25	28.15	28.15	27.67	27.67	27.67	28.70	28.70	28.70	29.20	29.20	29.20	30.33	30.33	30.33
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	20.15	20.15	20.25	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.20	20.20	20.20	21.50	21.50	21.50
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	9.75	11.20	11.80	9.50	11.08	11.42	10.25	12.00	12.00	9.83	11.50	11.50	10.41	11.96	12.60
Raisins, seeded ..	"	31.00	30.40	30.45	30.80	30.40	30.60	31.10	30.60	30.60	31.75	31.75	31.67	32.50	32.50	32.50
Currants ..	"	25.50	25.50	26.71	24.60	24.60	25.00	25.00	25.00	26.00	25.75	25.75	26.50	25.50	25.50	27.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	58.80	58.20	58.20	57.50	57.50	62.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.50	60.50	60.50	59.00	59.00	59.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	38.75	38.80	39.05	37.75	37.75	37.75	39.00	38.80	38.80	38.50	38.30	38.30	40.83	40.83	40.83
Pears, canned ..	"	42.10	42.90	42.90	40.92	41.08	41.08	42.90	42.90	42.90	42.00	42.00	41.30	47.00	46.00	46.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	45.00	44.00	45.00	30.25	33.08	33.17	33.30	30.70	32.80	29.40	31.50	31.50	34.67	31.50	35.83
Onions, brown ..	lb.	9.63	9.38	9.63	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.40	8.00	8.20	8.25	8.25	9.25	10.00	10.00	11.00
Soap ..	"	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.40	18.40	18.40	18.67	18.67	18.67
Kerosene ..	quart	13.16	13.16	13.16	11.39	11.39	11.39	14.10	14.10	14.10	13.89	13.89	13.89	12.32	12.32	12.82
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	34.38	34.49	34.49	33.50	33.50	33.50	35.38	35.93	35.93	35.39	35.39	35.39	36.59	36.59	36.59
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	71.50	71.50	74.00	71.50	71.50	71.50	71.50	71.50	71.50	71.38	71.38	71.38	73.25	73.25	73.25
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	65.10	65.80	67.60	64.33	64.83	66.67	65.60	66.20	65.80	65.60	65.60	66.60	64.50	64.50	66.25
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.60	23.60	23.60	24.00	24.00	24.00
" fresh(b)(d) loose ..	quart	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	..	..	..
" (b)(d) in bottles ..	"	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.50	19.50	19.50	..	..	..	25.00	25.00	25.00
Meat—		June Quarter, 1955.			June Quarter, 1955.			June Quarter, 1955.			June Quarter, 1955.			June Quarter, 1955.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.		40.00			38.90			40.00			38.13			40.44	
" rib (without bone)(e) ..	"		39.20			38.29			39.50			38.07			40.78	
" steak, rump ..	"		56.17			53.62			54.00			52.33			55.78	
" chuck ..	"		34.83			34.09			34.92			34.00			36.33	
" sausages ..	"		22.80			21.93			22.83			22.33			23.56	
" (corned) silver-side ..	"		40.30			38.57			39.25			38.40			41.89	
" " brisket ..	"		30.70			27.86			31.58			29.87			33.78	
Mutton, leg ..	"		27.53			26.67			29.00			26.44			28.78	
" forequarter ..	"		14.76			13.48			16.00			12.99			19.33	
" loin ..	"		21.06			18.75			20.00			21.24			25.78	
" chops, loin ..	"		21.47			19.43			20.00			22.16			25.78	
" " leg ..	"		25.54			21.85			20.00			24.67			25.78	
Pork, leg ..	"		47.60			44.72			42.00			40.80			47.67	
" loin ..	"		47.63			44.57			40.50			40.20			47.67	
" chops ..	"		48.80			46.00			42.00			40.20			47.67	

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives. (b) Delivered. (c) Amounts shown for previous quarters related to rib (with bone). (d) Prices published for this quarter should not be compared, without inquiry, with those prices or price relatives published for earlier quarters.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used in this index have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials and one or two minor commodities however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	102	100	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1939-40 ..	105	115	104	107	116	108	109	101	111	103	105
1940-41 ..	107	137	111	124	126	128	122	107	133	106	114
1941-42 ..	117	151	118	137	135	135	133	117	153	112	124
1942-43 ..	129	167	147	142	138	163	149	128	176	121	137
1943-44 ..	131	170	150	143	140	174	153	129	182	122	140
1944-45 ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	131	182	123	141
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	142	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	202	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	313	271	343	321
1954-55 ..	394	214	510	314	246	372	331	(b) 311	(b) 277	(b) 338	(b) 320
1952-53—											
January ..	389	236	608	350	223	420	353	290	297	328	318
February ..	391	235	611	355	212	391	348	290	289	328	316
March ..	393	235	640	355	212	391	350	289	290	328	317
April ..	392	235	643	348	203	391	349	299	283	336	322
May ..	391	233	661	349	203	364	344	301	279	338	321
June ..	392	233	621	348	199	364	342	305	283	338	322
1953-54—											
July ..	391	225	583	329	198	365	336	315	275	346	325
August ..	389	226	581	329	198	365	335	336	275	360	335
September ..	389	226	576	329	199	364	335	331	276	357	333
October ..	389	226	576	327	198	364	334	325	273	353	329
November ..	388	223	574	327	197	365	333	311	270	342	321
December ..	388	223	561	327	192	365	332	304	269	337	317
January ..	384	223	564	327	190	365	331	305	271	336	317
February ..	384	221	546	317	187	365	328	306	269	336	316
March ..	389	222	545	317	183	365	330	304	269	335	316
April ..	390	217	553	316	186	359	328	306	266	337	316
May ..	390	217	563	316	184	359	329	306	266	338	316
June ..	384	218	569	316	182	358	327	308	267	337	316
1954-55—											
July ..	384	217	569	313	183	358	327	308	266	337	316
August ..	384	216	529	313	205	358	325	308	267	336	316
September ..	385	216	527	313	232	365	327	308	271	336	317
October ..	385	211	505	313	240	365	325	303	269	332	313
November ..	393	211	491	314	240	365	327	305	277	331	315
December ..	393	212	507	315	225	365	328	307	277	333	317
January ..	396	215	501	315	237	365	330	(b) 305	(b) 279	(b) 332	(b) 316
February ..	399	215	505	315	257	373	333	(b) 313	(b) 281	(b) 340	(b) 322
March ..	400	214	507	315	264	381	336	(b) 319	(b) 282	(b) 345	(b) 326
April ..	401	214	496	315	271	387	337	(b) 314	(b) 283	(b) 342	(b) 324
May ..	403	214	497	315	294	389	339	(b) 318	(b) 283	(b) 346	(b) 328
June ..	402	214	485	315	306	398	340	(b) 324	(b) 287	(b) 350	(b) 331

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

(b) Preliminary.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual indexes shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the indexes therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The indexes for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The indexes shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary indexes for 1954-55 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data becomes available.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.			Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1936-37	..	..	114	115	93	109	128	104
1937-38	..	..	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39	..	..	88	87	105	92	79	96
1945-46	..	..	174	133	159	157	118	169
1946-47	..	..	194	182	157	185	187	185
1947-48	..	..	267	263	183	247	301	230
1948-49	..	..	234	313	197	260	366	225
1949-50	..	..	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950-51	..	..	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951-52	..	..	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53	..	..	364	531	387	440	623	379
1953-54	..	..	323	534	395	428	621	364
1954-55(a)	..	..	325	495	371	406	540	362

(a) Preliminary estimate.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (from July, 1945 to September, 1951), the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity. From October, 1951, to July, 1953, the prices used for wheat are the estimated average realizations after weighting prices of quota and non-quota wheat. Prices adopted for months since August, 1953, are derived from available information of current sales.

RECENT TRENDS.

Reference to the group indexes shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 45.63 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movements affecting the other components in the All Groups Index. For purposes of comparison another column (All Groups excluding Wool) has been added to the table to show this movement separately.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (e)	Tal- low.	Hides. (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups.		
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	Ex- clud- ing Wool.	Total All Groups
Percentage Distribu- tion of Base Aggregate	f 45.63 49.05 ..	17.06 18.34 31.38	11.36 12.21 20.89	6.83 7.34 12.55	6.63 7.13 12.20	2.40 2.58 4.42	1.81 1.94 3.32	0.64 0.69 1.18	0.66 0.72 1.22	6.98 .. 12.84	.. 100.00 ..	.. 100.00 ..	100.00
1936-37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	108	115
1937-38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	105	102
1938-39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	87	88
1947-48 ..	287	420	193	372	146	320	157	436	364	122	296	280	283
1948-49 ..	385	413	233	478	171	343	162	490	421	122	348	305	332
1949-50 ..	478	400	250	421	196	389	176	400	479	164	399	308	333
1950-51 ..	999	482	271	680	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	365	654
1951-52 ..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	397	473
1952-53 ..	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	371	483
1953-54 ..	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	356	474
1954-55 ..	538	357	313	511	(j) 345	445	267	(j) 349	218	178	(j) 450	(j) 342	(j) 431
1953-54—													
July ..	(i) 641	454	325	446	331	500	290	244	319	183	516	369	493
August ..	(i) 634	446	325	450	331	500	290	251	321	182	511	367	488
September ..	626	443	325	438	331	500	290	260	336	182	506	365	484
October ..	634	428	325	450	340	500	290	269	374	181	509	363	486
November ..	634	414	325	458	340	500	290	301	383	176	508	360	485
December ..	611	413	325	442	340	500	290	341	377	177	495	358	473
January ..	603	411	325	427	340	461	290	369	377	176	489	354	468
February ..	581	402	325	423	340	461	290	368	353	177	476	350	455
March ..	581	399	325	440	340	461	281	355	327	176	476	351	456
April ..	(i) 596	381	325	467	340	461	281	364	300	176	482	348	461
May ..	618	372	325	474	340	461	281	369	281	178	492	346	470
June ..	622	369	325	484	340	448	281	359	278	178	494	346	472
1954-55—													
July ..	(i) 622	359	313	475	340	448	278	354	264	178	490	338	468
August ..	566	358	313	475	340	448	262	350	254	178	461	338	442
September ..	566	355	313	498	340	448	261	350	224	178	462	339	442
October ..	536	356	313	524	340	468	260	350	216	178	450	344	431
November ..	513	358	313	518	340	468	261	350	204	179	439	343	421
December ..	532	359	313	512	385	468	263	350	197	178	451	348	432
January ..	520	360	313	516 (j) 371	430	266 (j) 350	200	178 (j) 444	(j) 346	(j) 426			
February ..	528	356	313	522 (j) 349	430	267 (j) 350	200	178 (j) 446	(j) 343	(j) 427			
March ..	528	356	313	523 (j) 329	430	270 (j) 350	212	178 (j) 445	(j) 341	(j) 426			
April ..	520	354	313	525 (j) 326	434	271 (j) 350	223	178 (j) 441	(j) 340	(j) 422			
May ..	520	354	313	520 (j) 334	434	268 (j) 345	216	178 (j) 441	(j) 340	(j) 422			
June ..	505	355	313	528 (j) 345	434	279 (j) 342	212	178 (j) 435	(j) 343	(j) 417			

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (c) Sultanas, lexias, currants.
 (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Where Australian gold has been sold on the overseas premium markets
 such price has been used in the index. (f) For All Groups (Total)—applicable from 1936-37. (g) For
 All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (h) For All Groups (excluding Wool)—applicable
 from 1936-37. (i) Nominal. (j) Preliminary.

NOTE.—The index numbers above indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the Export Price Index (Changing Weights), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*. In computing this index, the "quantity-multipliers" are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate.

Section XII.—Miscellaneous.

COMPARATIVE INDEX NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.					Retail Price Index Numbers.					Nominal Wage Rates, Adult Males.	Real Wage Rates, (c)
					Food and Grocer- ies.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	Total " C " Series Retail Price Index.		
Year—							(d)1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000		
1911	..	..	..	..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1914	..	..	..	..	1,144	1,082	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948
1921	..	..	..	..	1,902	1,410	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087
1928	..	..	..	..	1,761	1,743	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172
1932	..	..	..	..	1,425	1,336	1,215	1,458	1,377	1,639	1,190
1938	..	..	..	..	1,584	1,540	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209
1939	..	..	..	..	1,657	1,577	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,210
1945	..	..	..	..	1,849	1,595	2,155	1,767	1,868	2,339	1,252
1946	..	..	..	..	1,852	1,596	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400	1,263
1947	..	..	..	..	1,967	1,597	2,367	1,825	1,971	2,598	1,318
1948	..	..	..	..	2,245	1,601	2,637	1,913	2,148	2,914	1,357
1949	..	..	..	..	2,492	1,605	3,019	2,037	2,349	3,210	1,367
1950	..	..	..	..	2,800	1,613	3,455	2,184	2,589	3,596	1,389
1951	..	..	..	..	3,649	1,649	4,156	2,555	3,124	4,495	1,439
1952	..	..	..	..	4,516	1,728	4,657	2,980	3,645	5,241	1,438
1953	..	..	..	..	4,723	1,861	4,872	3,126	3,820	5,539	1,450
1954	..	..	..	..	4,776	1,949	4,865	3,139	3,860	5,632	1,459
Quarter—											
1939.											
June	..	..	..	..	1,654	1,575	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214
September	..	..	..	..	1,645	1,582	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220
December	..	..	..	..	1,657	1,584	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210
1948.											
March	..	..	..	..	2,128	1,599	2,511	1,874	2,071	2,781	1,343
June	..	..	..	..	2,197	1,600	2,600	1,900	2,121	2,854	1,346
September	..	..	..	..	2,278	1,601	2,688	1,935	2,175	2,970	1,366
December	..	..	..	..	2,378	1,602	2,748	1,944	2,225	3,050	1,371
1949.											
March	..	..	..	..	2,433	1,603	2,795	1,985	2,263	3,099	1,369
June	..	..	..	..	2,482	1,604	2,968	2,017	2,328	3,182	1,367
September	..	..	..	..	2,497	1,606	3,089	2,047	2,370	3,249	1,371
December	..	..	..	..	2,555	1,608	3,223	2,098	2,433	3,310	1,360
1950.											
March	..	..	..	..	2,633	1,609	3,259	2,134	2,474	3,372	1,363
June	..	..	..	..	2,718	1,611	3,418	2,151	2,546	3,458	1,358
September	..	..	..	..	2,828	1,614	3,501	2,180	2,609	3,545	1,359
December	..	..	..	..	3,020	1,618	3,643	2,271	2,726	4,009	1,471
1951.											
March	..	..	..	..	3,201	1,641	3,760	2,381	2,843	4,142	1,457
June	..	..	..	..	3,443	1,646	4,151	2,498	3,042	4,387	1,442
September	..	..	..	..	3,819	1,651	4,283	2,611	3,224	4,601	1,427
December	..	..	..	..	4,133	1,656	4,429	2,731	3,388	4,850	1,432
1952.											
March	..	..	..	..	4,298	1,672	4,523	2,783	3,481	5,036	1,447
June	..	..	..	..	4,589	1,702	4,685	2,967	3,661	5,156	1,408
September	..	..	..	..	4,633	1,750	4,709	3,072	3,714	5,345	1,439
December	..	..	..	..	4,544	1,789	4,712	3,098	3,722	5,428	1,458
1953.											
March	..	..	..	..	4,599	1,835	4,838	3,118	3,763	5,443	1,446
June	..	..	..	..	4,658	1,857	4,906	3,122	3,805	5,512	1,449
September	..	..	..	..	4,804	1,870	4,880	3,127	3,851	5,591	1,452
December	..	..	..	..	4,831	1,882	4,863	3,136	3,861	5,611	1,453
1954.											
March	..	..	..	..	4,798	1,900	4,880	3,151	3,861	5,622	1,456
June	..	..	..	..	4,774	1,947	4,856	3,137	3,856	5,624	1,459
September	..	..	..	..	4,746	1,970	4,853	3,133	3,851	5,623	1,460
December	..	..	..	..	4,787	1,977	4,870	3,136	3,871	5,658	1,462
1955.											
March	..	..	..	..	4,882	1,983	4,865	3,115	3,898	5,720	1,467
June	..	..	..	..	4,952	1,997	4,898	3,151	3,941	5,743	1,457

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000. (b) See note (b) on page 106. (c) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (d) Taken back from true base November, 1914 = 1,000 by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

NOTE.—(1) In most cases where figures are available back to 1861, these were shown in the September, 1953 issue of the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, pages 112 and 113.

(2) Most of the statistics in this summary relate to the periods shown in the table headings. In those comparatively few cases where the statistics relate to other periods, this is indicated in footnotes.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.
DEMOGRAPHY(a)—								
Population(b) { '000 Males ..	1,737	2,005	2,382	2,799	3,333	3,599	4,311	4,598
'000 Females ..	1,504	1,820	2,192	2,712	3,220	3,545	4,217	4,492
'000 Persons ...	3,241	3,825	4,574	5,511	6,553	7,144	8,528	9,090
Net Oversea Migration '000 ..	26.9	3.0	74.4	17.5	-10.1	5.2	111.4	68.2
Marriages .. Rate(c) ..	24	28	39	47	39	75	77	71
Divorces(d) and Judicial Separations ..	7.5	7.3	8.8	8.6	6.0	10.6	9.2	7.9
Births .. '000 ..	190	399	522	1,502	1,955	3,330	7,327	6,528
Rate(c) ..	110	103	122	136	119	135	193	202
Deaths .. '000 ..	34.5	27.2	27.2	25.0	18.2	18.9	22.9	22.5
Rate(c) ..	47	46	48	54	57	71	82	82
Infant Deaths .. '000 ..	14.8	12.2	10.7	9.9	8.7	10.0	9.7	9.1
Rate(e) ..	12.7	10.7	8.4	9.0	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.5
Rate(e) ..	115.3	103.6	68.5	65.7	42.1	39.7	25.2	22.5
WAGES (ADULT MALES) (a)—								
Nominal Weekly Wage Index Numbers ..	(f)	848	1,000	1,826	1,752	1,997	4,495	5,632
Real Wage Index Numbers(g) ..	(f)	(f)	1,000	1,087	1,210	1,194	1,439	1,459
PRODUCTION—								
Agricultural—								
Wheat .. Area mill. acs.	3.3	5.1	7.4	9.7	14.7	12.0	10.4	(h) 10.7
Yield mill. bus.	26	39	72	129	191	167	160	(h) 169
Av. Yield bus.	7.7	7.5	9.6	13.3	12.9	13.9	15.4	(h) 15.8
Oats .. Area '000 acs.	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	2,365	(h) 2,574
Yield mill. bus.	5.7	9.8	9.6	12.1	15.2	22.3	34.5	(h) 32.8
Av. Yield bus.	23.3	21.2	15.5	16.6	14.0	15.3	14.6	(h) 12.8
Barley .. Area '000 acs.	68	75	116	299	342	784	1,118	(h) 1,691
Yield mill. bus.	1.2	1.5	2.1	6.1	6.3	18.0	21.9	(h) 29.4
Av. Yield bus.	17.3	20.4	17.7	20.4	18.4	23.0	19.6	(h) 17.4
Malze .. Area '000 acs.	284	295	340	305	269	301	170	(h) 171
Yield mill. bus.	9.3	7.0	8.9	7.8	7.1	7.4	4.0	(h) 5.1
Av. Yield bus.	32.6	23.9	26.3	25.7	26.2	24.7	23.7	(h) 30.1
Hay .. Area '000 acs.	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	1,549	(h) 1,984
Yield '000 tons	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	2,345	(h) 2,856
Av. Yield tons	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.51	(h) 1.44
Potatoes .. Area '000 acs.	113	110	130	149	145	99	118	(h) 109
Yield '000 tons	380	323	301	388	397	333	509	(i)
Av. Yield tons	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	4.31	(i)
Sugar-cane .. Area(j) '000 acs.	45	87	101	128	242	255	282	(h) 374
Yield '000 tons	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	5,327	(h) 10,087
Av. Yield tons	16.2	15.7	16.7	19.0	17.4	20.3	18.9	(h) 27.0
Vineyards .. Area '000 acs.	49	64	61	92	113	130	136	(h) 137
Wine mill. gals.	3.4	5.3	5.0	8.5	14.2	16.0	35.3	(h) 26.5
Total Area of Crops mill. acs.	5.4	8.4	12.1	15.4	21.2	20.5	19.8	(h) 21.7
Pastoral, Dairying, &c.—								
Livestock .. Horses mill.	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.6	0.9	0.8
Cattle ..	11.1	8.5	11.8	14.4	12.3	13.6	14.9	15.8
Sheep ..	106	72	97	86	111	125	118	131
Pigs ..	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.3
Wool(k) mill. lb.	(a) 634	(a) 539	(a) 798	723	1,007	1,167	1,080	1,288
Butter '000 tons	(a) 19	(a) 46	(a) 95	(a) 119	175	168	135	191
Cheese "	(a) 4.5	(a) 5.3	(a) 7.1	(a) 14.6	14.0	30.1	40.6	45.1
Meat(l)—								
Beef and Veal "					339	350	534	714
Mutton and Lamb "					218	307	372	380
Pork "					11.1	22.7	58.1	45.5
Bacon and Ham "					26.2	31.8	42.5	38.2
Total Meat "	(f) 7.5	(f) 15.2	(a) 23.8	608	727	1,027	949	1,192

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) At 31st December of previous year. (c) Number per 1,000 of mean population. (d) Decreases made absolute, including decreases for nullity of marriage. (e) Number per 1,000 live births. (f) Not available. (g) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (h) Subject to revision. (i) Not yet available. (j) Productive cane. (k) In terms of greasy. (l) Bone-in weight in terms of fresh meat cured weight, bacon and ham.

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NOTE.—See headnotes on page 117.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.
PRODUCTION—continued.								
Mineral(a)(b)—								
Copper(c) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	13.5	20.9	17.9	}
Gold(c) .. '000 fine oz.	1,243	3,300	2,484	758	595	1,497	896	
Lead(c) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	150.8	289.4	212.0	
Zinc(c) .. " " "					66.1	232.6	189.2	
Black Coal .. mill. tons.	4.4	6.9	10.6	12.8	8.4	14.2	17.6	
Brown Coal .. " " "	..	..	(e)	0.1	2.2	4.6	7.8	
Forestry—								
Sawn output of native timber mill. sup. ft.	(d)	(a) 452	(a) 605	590	237	914	1,393	
Factories—								
Number of factories '000								
Persons employed ..	(f)	(f)	{ 14.5	18.0	21.7	27.0	45.8	
Salaries and wages paid £m.			{ 312	379	337	725	978	
Net value of production—			{ 28	68	56	180	612	
Chemicals, &c. .. £m.			{ 1.1	3.2	7.9	24.8	63.7	
Industrial metals, &c. ..			{ 12.0	23.6	22.8	119.9	413.0	
Textiles, &c. ..	(d)	(d)	{ 7.5	19.2	6.9	21.0	56.6	
Clothing ..			{ 11.1	23.6	11.1	23.6	81.1	
Food, &c. ..			{ 11.8	27.2	28.7	53.2	141.1	
Paper, &c. ..			{ 4.2	9.0	9.6	17.1	68.2	
All groups ..	23.3	29.1	{ 47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.9	
Value of plant & machinery ..	(d)	(d)	{ 31.4	78.1	121.5	169.2	412.5	
Value of land and buildings ..			{ 32.5	67.3	106.6	156.3	360.2	(a)
Net Value of production(h)—								
Agriculture .. £m.	17.0	23.8	38.8	81.9	49.7	64.0	246.7	
Pastoral ..	31.3	27.2	52.7	75.1	43.0	85.4	400.5	
Dairying ..	6.0	7.6	16.1	35.3	22.6	34.3	103.8	
Poultry ..	1.9	2.0	4.0	9.0	5.7	6.5	31.5	
Bee-farming ..	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	
Total, Rural ..	56.3	60.7	111.7	201.4	121.1	190.6	783.3	
Trapping ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.5	5.0	6.7	
Forestry ..	4.4	2.8	4.8	9.1	3.9	10.2	37.9	
Fisheries ..			{ 1.1	1.4	1.4	1.8	5.7	
Mines and Quarries(i)	12.1	22.0	23.3	20.0	13.5	33.4	97.2	
Total, Non-rural ..	16.5	24.8	29.2	30.5	20.3	50.4	147.5	
Total, Primary ..	72.8	85.5	140.9	231.9	141.4	241.0	930.8	
Factories ..	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.0	
Total, All Industries ..	96.1	114.6	188.4	344.4	252.4	557.5	1,954.8	
BUILDING(j)—								
Permits, New Dwellings { '000	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	{ 2.1	9.7	32.8	44.1
Permits, All Buildings(k) { £m.					{ 1.5	9.6	80.4	134.9
					{ 4.6	13.5	116.4	215.1
OVERSEA TRADE—								
Imports .. £m. f.o.b.	(a) 34	(a) 38	(a) 61	94	52	174	1,053	844
Exports .. " " "	36	50	79	128	108	169	675	774
Principal Exports(l)—								
Wool .. mill. lb.(m)	641	529	734	946	903	938	1,036	1,145
Wheat .. £m. f.o.b.	20	15	26	48	32	58	323	353
Flour .. '000 tons	258	543	1,477	2,677	3,413	598	1,685	1,691
Butter .. £m. f.o.b.	1.9	2.8	9.6	28.6	19.2	4.6	55.3	45.2
Gold .. '000 short tons	33	97	176	360	611	414	789	656
Silver .. £m. f.o.b.	0.3	0.6	1.4	5.5	3.8	4.2	33.0	20.3
Lead .. mill. lb.	4	35	102	127	202	130	25	140
Iron .. £m. f.o.b.	0.2	1.4	4.6	8.0	10.3	8.1	4.6	24.6
Hides and Skins .. £m. f.o.b.	0.9	1.3	3.2	3.1	2.3	6.0	17.1	19.7
Meats ..	0.5	2.6	4.3	5.5	6.4	14.1	35.5	63.5
Fruit(n) ..	..	0.2	0.5	3.0	4.8	4.0	19.5	32.5
Sugar ..	..	(e)	(e)	(e)	2.5	2.6	6.9	31.1
Gold ..	5.7	14.3	12.0	3.5	11.9	9.2	7.0	13.7
Silver and Lead ..	1.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.9	7.4	23.6	27.2
Ores and Concentrates,,	..	(e)	3.7	0.8	0.2	1.3	20.4	14.7

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Breaks in the continuity of the series occurred in 1931 and 1951. (c) Mine production; i.e., metal content of minerals produced. (d) Not available. (e) Less than .05. (f) Owing to variation in classification, effective comparison is impossible. (g) Not yet available. (h) Gross value from 1891 to 1921-22. Prior to 1922 figures are for years ended previous December. (i) Incomplete. (j) Six capital cities and suburbs. (k) Includes additions and alterations. (l) Australian produce except gold, which includes re-exports. (m) In terms of greasy. (n) Excludes fruit juices.

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Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.
OVERSEA TRADE—continued.								
Principal Imports—		(a)	(a)					
Vegetable foodstuffs,								
&c. £m. f.o.b. }								
Apparel, &c. }		3.6	3.7	4.0	2.6	6.1	25.0	35.9
Oil, &c. }		10.9	16.2	31.0	15.4	32.7	203.6	126.8
Metals, &c. }		1.2	1.6	4.7	5.5	16.2	87.5	96.9
Rubber, &c. }		7.8	14.0	22.8	7.4	71.8	392.9	324.1
Paper, &c. }		0.5	1.4	1.7	0.8	3.2	35.1	17.0
		1.6	2.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	68.8	46.4
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION—								
Shipping—	(a)	(a)	(a)					
Oversea Vessels, } No.	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,544	4,136	4,505
Entrances and } mill. tons	4.7	6.5	10.0	9.1	11.4	10.8	18.2	20.0
Clearances								
Oversea Cargo—								
Discharged mill. tons(c)			(b)	2.4	3.0	5.5	14.4	14.3
Shipped (c)			(b)	5.8	6.7	4.2	5.7	7.5
Interstate Vessels, } No.								
Entrances and } mill. tons	(b)	(b)	9,605	9,782	7,957	9,100	7,524	9,161
Clearances			13.1	12.8	11.1	12.9	15.8	18.7
Interstate Cargo Shipped			(b)	5.5	4.0	10.0	9.0	11.6
mill. tons(c)	(d)	(d)	(d)					
Government Railways—	10.4	12.8	16.8	23.5	27.0	27.2	26.8	26.5
Route-miles .. '000	84	115	228	335	303	475	501	517
Passenger-journeys mill.								
Goods and livestock carried	9.4	15.5	25.5	31.5	26.1	38.9	44.8	48.1
'000 tons	29.7	38.2	55.2	56.1	63.8	88.5	93.4	95.1
Train-miles run .. mill.								
Tramways and Omnibuses—								
Passenger-journeys—								
Trams mill. }	(b)	(b)	360	569	589	874	686	(e)
Omnibuses }			(b)	(b)	(b)	264	555	(e)
Motor vehicles on the register—								
Cars '000 }			(b)	102	420	451	1,032	1,347
Commercial vehicles .. }					96	251	583	650
Civil Aviation(f)—								
Plane-miles flown .. mill.					2.5	7.8	41.8	43.5
Passengers carried .. '000					57	152	1,829	1,918
Passenger-miles .. mill.					(b)	76	722	766
Freight car-ried .. '000 short tons					0.1	1.2	57.5	78.7
'000 ton-miles					(b)	0.9	26.7	37.0
Postal—								
Postal matter dealt with(g)	(a)	(a)	(a)					
mill. articles	242	324	595	702	(h) 871	1,100	1,485	
Telegrams and cablegrams mill.	10.0	9.9	13.3	16.8	13.9	26.1	29.8	
Telephones								
Instruments .. '000	7	29	103	259	485	739	1,301	
Lines (b)	25	85	196	364	531	927		(e)
Calls—Trunk (b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	14.0	28.9	45.3	69.4	
Local (b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	221	369	664	968	
Broadcast Listeners' Licences								
'000				(i) 36	369	1,320	1,961	
PUBLIC FINANCE—								
Commonwealth—								
Consolidated Revenue Fund—		(d)	(d)					
Revenue £m.		11	21	64	72	210	1,017	1,067
Expenditure		4	15	64	70	210	1,017	997
Net loan fund expenditure(j)			1	5	4	213	32	33
Taxation collections ..		9	16	50	54	180	934	938
State—								
Consolidated Revenue Funds—								
Revenue £m.	(b)	28	41	85	100	152	387	468
Expenditure (b)	(b)	29	41	87	121	149	390	465
Net loan expenditure(j)		9	16	34	6	8	198	(e)
Taxation collections ..	(b)	3	5	18	33	57	63	(e)
Public Debt(k)—								
Commonwealth £m.			6	354	319	638	1,869	1,923
State	a155.1	213	279	519	789	911	1,396	1,826
Total	a155.1	213	285	873	1,108	1,549	3,265	3,749
Overseas	(b)	(b)	194	412	522	516	406	435
In Australia	(b)	(b)	91	461	586	1,033	2,859	3,314

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Not available. (c) Tons weight plus tons measurement. (d) Year ended 30th June. (e) Not yet available. (f) Regular internal services. (g) Letters, postcards, letter-cards and newspapers. (h) Includes packets. (i) Year 1923-24. (j) Loan expenditure on works, services, &c. (k) At 30th June.

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NOTE.—See headnotes on page 117.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.
PRIVATE FINANCE—								
Commonwealth Note Issue(a) £m.	(b)	(b)	8	54	51	103	303	363
Cheque-paying Banks—								
Advances(c)	125	94	119	182	261	270	677	809
Deposits(c)	98	93	150	289	319	387	1,189	1,326
Bank clearings(d)	(b)	338	662	1,702	1,581	2,828	12,100	13,046
Savings bank deposits(e)	15	31	59	154	198	274	892	1,074
Life Assurance(d)(f)—								
Ordinary—								
Policies	'000							
Sum assured	£m.	414	484	730	871	1,340	2,553	3,033
Industrial—								
Policies	'000	108	109	181	285	463	1,212	1,741
Sum assured	£m.	236	467	973	1,550	2,780	3,843	3,827
Total—								
Policies	'000	5	10	30	67	127	254	297
Sum assured	£m.	650	951	1,703	2,421	4,120	6,396	6,860
Sum assured	£m.	113	119	211	352	590	1,466	2,038
SOCIAL STATISTICS—								
Commonwealth Social Services—								
Age and Invalid Pen- sions	'000(g) ..	..	90	144	256	336	420	504
Child Endowment,	'000(g) ..	..	2.2	5.4	11.1	19.3	59.8	88.0
Claims in force	£m. ..	..	..	..	..	488	1,205	1,304
Total Commonwealth Health and Social Services(h)	£m. ..	..	..	..	..	11.3	46.6	52.5
War Pensions	'000(g) ..	..	2.2	6.1	11.5	30.9	137.6	189.3
Service Pensions	'000(g) ..	..	..	225	274	220	525	584
State Social Services(k)—	£m. ..	..	..	7.0	7.4	7.5	31.8	(i)44.5
Education(d)—	£m. ..	..	..	..	..	14	17	22
Government Schools—								
Schools	'000	6.2	7.0	8.0	9.4	10.1	9.5	7.6
Staff	£m.	12.6	14.5	17.0	26.1	33.8	32.1	36.7
Students .. ..	..	561	638	639	819	937	887	1,013
Non-Government Schools—								
Schools	'000	2.0	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9
Staff	£m.	6.0	8.3	7.8	8.8	10.0	11.4	13.3
Students .. ..	..	125	149	161	199	221	257	326
Universities(d)(m)—								
Number .. ..	..	4	4	5	6	8	9	9
Staff(n)	(b)	(b)	249	482	703	1,416	3,082	3,313
Students	'000	1.6	1.8	3.4	8.0	9.8	13.9	31.7
Public Hospitals—								
Number	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)			
Staff—Medical	'000	(b)	285	355	404	513	566	675
Nursing	(b)	(b)	1.1	1.5	3.2	3.9	6.9	(l)
In-patients, cases treated	(op) 54	(p) 91	134	215	371	595	896	(l)
POLICE AND PRISONS(d)—								
Police	'000	5.3	5.8	6.4	6.9	8.6	9.7	12.3
Prisons	(b)	(b)	104	91	85	70	69	(l)
Prisoners	'000	(b)	4.3	3.1	2.9	4.2	3.2	4.4
PRICES(d)—								
"C" Series Retail Price Index .. ..	..	..	1,000	1,680	1,448	1,673	3,124	3,860

(a) At end of June. (b) Not available. (c) Figures for 1892 are averages of weekly balances for the December quarter 1891; the remainder are for the June quarter. All Cheque-paying Banks to 1931-32, Private Trading Banks thereafter. (d) Year ended previous December. (e) 1891 at 31st December, thereafter at 30th June. (f) Existing business in Australia. (g) At 30th June. (h) Excludes war and service pensions. (i) Includes service pensions. (j) Included with war pensions. (k) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (l) Not yet available. (m) Excludes Australian National University. (n) Includes part-time. (o) Year 1891-92 for Victoria. (p) Adelaide Hospital only included in South Australia.